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### President's Page

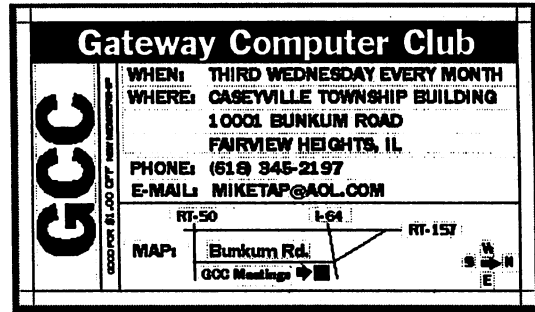
by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

I promised to get my articles in earlier so I wrote this article on January 1<sup>st</sup> to start the new year off on a good note. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season...

Our new GCC Cards should look like this:



### CHRISTMAS WAS IN THE AIR

The Christmas Party was a success. I had a few doubts about the Christmas Party after last years bad weather and low turnout. It looked like mother nature was going to dampen our spirits again this year, but, everyone showed up and had a good time. We had a few pizzas, a lot of desserts and all the great side dishes and snacks we could eat. Needless to say, nobody wanted to get donuts after the meeting. That was the best compliment that all the cooks could ask for...Thanks to everyone who brought dishes and shared their time with the other members of our club family. We may have to find a way to have food at the regular meetings in '97...



### DEMO OF THE MONTH

This month we'll have a demonstration of Microsoft Publisher. I'm not an expert, but I have designed a few things that we use in the club using Microsoft Publisher. I'm going to put all the necessary files on my laptop and give a

demonstration of what I have learned while trying to design useful CD-ROM covers and business cards for the club. If anybody else uses MS Publisher, please come to the meeting and share your experiences and your files with the rest of the club members...

### TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

I couldn't find any good jokes to include here so I decided to make this a TECH TIP column instead. If you have any good jokes, send them to MIKETAP@AOL.COM. Here's the tech tip:

To find out what the ID is for your Windows 95 CD is after you've thrown away or lost the little hologram sheet with the number on it, here's what you do...

- 1) Run REGEDIT by clicking on Start and then Run, typing "Regedit", and hitting ENTER.
- 2) Scroll down to HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion and look at the ProductId.
- 3) Write the number on the front of your CD with a permanent marker for safe keeping...

See you at the meeting...  
Mike

### BUSINESS CARD UPDATE

At the last meeting I showed everyone the updated GCC business card design and everyone seemed to like the new look and the map. I talked to a printer and they said they needed to reduce the number of colors and add a blank border around the edges to facilitate the printing process. I redesigned the card per their specifications and dropped off a black and white proof for them to scan into their printing system. They use Macintosh computers so I couldn't send them the electronic version of the file. I think the final card is going to look great. They are going to get some new parchment style paper with a blue tint in tomorrow. I'm going to go see it and o.k. the printing of the cards. The text is going to be reflex blue (Kinda like Navy Blue). It seems like this has been going on for a long time, but, the saga is almost over and we'll finally have a nice card to give to prospective members. I'm going to send the electronic copy of the card to Larry and hopefully you'll get a black and white preview of the new cards with this article...

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**Farris Jackson 1/5**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. None

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. John Price, Richard Koerper and Ken Nocht.

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. None.

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If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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By Pat Whalen

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I D.O.M. CARDS.....	\$ 0.00
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C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....	\$ 0.00
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....	\$ 0.00
M MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 75.00
E 50/50.....	\$ 0.00

DEC. INCOME.....\$ 67.00

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P NEWSLETER.....	\$ 25.97
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**Amiga D.O.M. Jan.1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**Alien Fish Finger -**

"Alien Fish Finger" is a flip-screen platform shoot em' up game. You guide a little bloke, named Frank

Finger around lots of levels blowing the guts out of lots of Aliens. It's as simple as that. Sorry to say, but this game is shareware. So, if you find yourself playing it a lot, then please register. The shareware fee is only £3.99 inc.P&P (UK Sterling Pounds). Countries other than the U.K. can register by sending cash for £5.00 (U.K. Sterling Pounds) In return you will receive the full version with all the levels, a printed information sheet, including a printed disk label, and my thanks. Plus a free PD game too.

**AllowBad**

This program was written as a replacement for good, but old BFormat 4.0. Its purpose is to format disks of any \*floppy-based\* devices, which have hard (media) error on them. Such disks cannot be formatted (and hence utilized) by system 'Format', so only thing you could do was get rid of them.

Optionally, you could use BFormat of course, but such prepared disks were very unstable under AmigaDOS, and gave 'read-write' errors quite often. This was because of way BFormat works - it allocates only blocks which appeared to be corrupted, leaving rest of the track for use by filesystem. It sounds quite logical and gives you more free space on disk but doesn't work that well with floppies. For safety of stored data it is better to avoid whole track regardless whether there is only one or more bad blocks on it. That is the way AllowBad handles the errors - it masks the tracks, not blocks. AllowBad should be able to format disks in all floppy-like devices.

**Control1**

This program allows you to control any SCSI device on the Amiga. Warning! This can be dangerous!

**Amiga Special Jan. 1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**EvenMore**

EvenMore takes 1 argument. You can specify a path and a file. If you do not specify a path or file, a requestor will pop up allowing you to do so. Once you have selected the file you wish to view, a window will open displaying the contents. If the file is too large to be fully displayed, you can use the up and down cursor keys to move up and down the document. The EvenMore window will open on the currently displayed public screen.

**KnockOut**

The idea of the game is to knock all the other players off the ever shrinking circle, and then drive off on the bridge. There are some variations on this theme included in this version :

**NORMAL**

Normal game, as described above.

**BALL**

A ball is placed in the centre of the circle to be knocked into the players goals. There are only 4 players allowed in this game. A point is scored for getting a goal, and for knocking all the other players off. TEAM - this game mode allows 4 teams of 2 players each to play. MAGNET - all the vehicles are made into magnets and are all attracted to each other. ELASTIC - pieces of elastic join pairs of vehicles together. Great for swinging them off the circle! (Best played with 4 or 6 vehicles, otherwise it's too crowded).

**Ms-DOS D.O.M. Jan. 97**

By Ken Welker

**PORKY.WAV**

Porky Pig saying "THAT'S ALL FOLKS"

**RALLYK.ZIP**

Rally-K is a tribute to the old 1981 game Rally-X and features a scrolling maze where you must play a variant of "Capture The Flag" by maneuvering your car around the maze to capture the flags (wow!) and avoid being run over ("tagged") by the enemy cars.

Additional hazards include stones and other obstacles that may destroy your car if you bump into them.

**VL17A.ZIP**

Visual Labels for Windows, v1.7a This easy to use label design and printing program allows you to create an unlimited variety of labels using text, pictures, boxes, ovals, lines, counters, and patterns in any font, color, or rotation. Includes a comprehensive database of Avery label and business card templates. Also allows for unlimited user-defined labels. A best buy. -RKS Software, Inc. \$39.00. 703-534-1726.

**WIN95ICO.ZIP**

I downloaded this collection of Windows 95 icons from CompuServe and put them in a .DLL file for easier selection when changing icons. You can unzip the "win95icons.dll" file into your Windows directory if you want and get rid of the icons themselves to use less disk space. I \*don't\* suggest that you unzip \*all\* the icons into your Windows directory though! When you want to change an icon just browse to the "win95icons.dll" file and you will be able to browse all the icons in the selection window instead of looking at one icon at a time. Enjoy!  
Randy Burgess 12/16/95



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CONTACT: Hugh Jencks (312)  
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VIScorp announced today that while conducting its due diligence for the planned acquisition of the assets of the former Amiga Technologies AG, its financial institutions and the management of Amiga agreed that the assets to be acquired were of significantly less value than the US\$20 million which had been proposed. The original US\$40 million offer included the guarantee of ESCOM distribution in Europe as well as several other features which disappeared with the ESCOM bankruptcy.

One of these items is the fact that one of the most valuable pieces of the inventory is currently encumbered in a complicated legal challenge to the ESCOM AG bankruptcy estate. Without the assurance that this piece could be delivered as a part of the package deal, VIScorp began to reconsider their offer.

Further, it has been discovered that the intellectual property is being pirated daily by small and large companies alike. To combat this problem, VIScorp intends to partner with Mahr Leonard Management Company, a Dallas, Texas company specializing in patent infringement.

Due to the above, VIScorp allowed its offer to expire on October 27 1996, and lowered its bid shortly thereafter. Throughout all of this time a wholly-owned VIScorp German subsidiary continued to operate Amiga through Oct. 31, at its

own expense and with the concurrence of the Trustee. This was done because VIScorp believed that Amiga was more valuable as an operating company and wanted it to retain this value. During this period VIScorp paid Amiga expenses, including salaries, and generated over \$2 million in sales which were to be credited against the final sale price at a later date.

VIScorp continues to be interested in completing the acquisition of Amiga. It believes that the future of two-way, interactive television depends in large part on the installed base of Amiga users who currently access the Internet through their televisions and Amiga A1200 computers to reach thousands of available Amiga titles. It also believes the next step is to modify the operating system to further adapt the television market to the vast and developing resources being created by the Amiga world-wide development community -products which include games, entertainment, and information.

[ [www.vistv.com](http://www.vistv.com) | [Cornorate Staff](#) ]

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

I have in previous reports, asked that GCC members get involved in the clubs functions. It has happened. Joseph Whalen volunteered to be the new treasurer and Inge Liggett to assist in keeping the membership list current. She has been a big help getting members that were delinquent in their dues, to pay up and become active members again. I used to do this but I am no longer able to do it from At

lanta, so call Ms. Liggett at 618-344-0839, if you find anything wrong with your dues record. I would also ask that when your dues are due and you cannot attend the meetings, mail your check to the Treasurer, Joseph Whalen, at 1 N. Crown, Collinsville IL 62234 instead of President M. Taphorn. The less handling the less chance for error.

I have included some hints and tips in previous Bits & Chips that I have downloaded off of the internet. I hope that you have found some of them interesting and useful. I will continue to include them in future newsletters, I hope that you find some use for them.

There is a press release on the fate of the Amiga. There does not seem to be an end the the trouble finalizing who will be the next owner of the Amiga system. I do hope that there will be an Amiga in the near future as it is a good system, especially since the Macintosh is making a comeback after they are allowing them to be cloned.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### A ROTTEN DAY

You wake up face down on the pavement.

You call suicide prevention and they put you on hold.

Your son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.

Your wife says, "Good morning Bill" and your name is George

**THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES**

By Dick Koerper

Actually there seems to be a lot going on since my last article. Seems that even though they are having troubles making ends meet Apple Computers are out spending money. Apple in conjunction with NeXT software announced that they were purchasing NeXT software for \$400,000,000. Either Apple is not as bad off as people have been saying or they are grasping at straws. Let's take a look at the possible reasons for this purchase.

First off people have been wondering when Apple would be coming out with their replacement Operating System. Well I guess when you are having trouble trying to top your last OS it's easier to just buy another.

Another theory is that one thing that was lacking at Apple Computers was charisma. Nobody in the front office had it at all, and when your whole company was formed on a decent product and sold by charisma, sales go down when you no longer have your main selling point.

Let's take a detour down memory lane shall we. Remember if you will that garage in California where two drop outs built the original Apple computer. One was Steve Wozniak also referred to as The Woz. The Woz was the engineer of this duo who did most of the design and building of this computer. The other was Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs brought a drive, a bit of craziness, and a lot of charisma. Eventually these two started Apple Computers. As corporations will do, those who originally started the business are eventually forced out by a board

that knows what they are doing, at least according to them.

Now you might be wondering what this has to do with the acquisition NeXT. Steve Jobs after leaving Apple went on to form another company, NeXT. Now Steve Jobs will become a special advisor to Apple Computers.

Power PC chip. Phase V which is hoping to put out a more higher end machine at \$1200 plus. Eagle Computers out of Germany, Motorola makers of the 68xxx cpu, Dell who wants to incorporate some of the Amiga technology and Newstar out of Taiwan.

For more information go online and check out the 'Net. So grab your keyboard and go cyber surfin' with me.

***Power Toys for Winows95.***

Instructions on how to go to Microsoft to download "POWER TOYS" to be used in some of the hints and tips articles I will be publishing in future Bits & Chips.

Log onto the internet and go to the web, search, "([http://www Microsoft.com/a293.htm](http://www.Microsoft.com/a293.htm))" do not use the quotes.

When the Microsoft page comes up, scroll down to Actions Items.

Click on Download free software, scroll down to, and click on Support Patches and Service Patches.

Click on "Windows 95 Shareware."

Click on POWER TOYS.

Follow download instructions. You can download Instructions for

all of the Power Toys.

Click on Power Toys for Windows 95 to download all of the Power Toys.

You may find that some of these free Power Tools very useful. However be very careful when editing your Registry, if you do, make a backup first so it can be replaced if you change something it does not like.

**AS YOU LIKE IT**

No matter which edge of the screen the Taskbar's on (you can click and drag it over to any edge), you can make it as wide or as narrow as you'd like. If you've got the Taskbar on the right or left edge of the screen, hold the cursor over its edge, and when the cursor changes to a double-pointed arrow, click and drag it in either direction.

If the Taskbar is along the top or bottom of the screen, you can still size it up or down, but not with as much precision. You can only increase its width by rows of open window items. So as you drag to make it bigger, it will fit two rows, then three, and so on. Sizing it down works the same way, in reverse.

**Tweak. Tweak.**

Tired of that annoying "Shortcut to" prefix on every shortcut you created. (Who Isn't?)

Click the explorer tab and deselect Prefix "Shortcuts to" on new shortcuts, click OK, and those annoying words won't bother you again.

## **GCC Directory**

### **Next Meeting**

Jan.15th. 1997 7:00pm

### **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

Feb. 5th. 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin  
O'Fallon Illinois

### **Next Copy Session:**

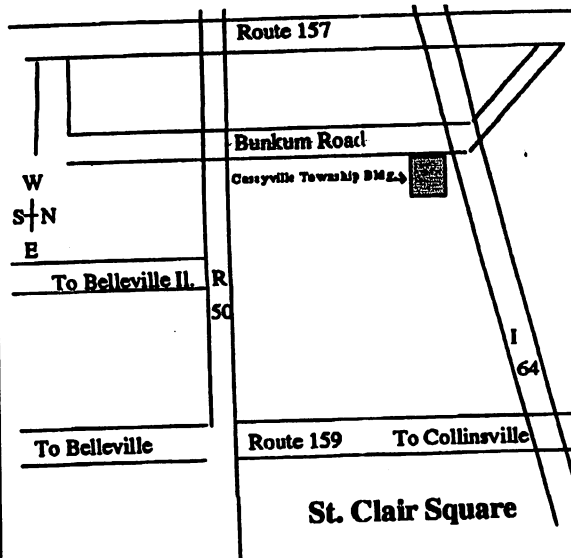
At all regular meetings.

### **Visitors Always Welcome At Meetings.**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every  
month at the Caseyville Township Hall, 10001 Bunkum  
Road in Fairview Heights, Illinois

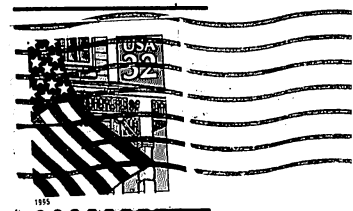
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**At the Caseyville Township Building  
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*Check your dues date!*

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR (AGAIN)!!!**

I decided to repeat the headline to make up for the fact that I didn't get to say it in person. The January meeting was canceled due to the very bad weather conditions. We had the worst storm I've seen since becoming president. I've never had to cancel a meeting before. I hope nobody tried to make the meeting. We had a lot of fun stuff planned for the January meeting so we decided at the board meeting to do a repeat performance of January's activities.

### JAN/FEB DOM's

You'll notice that the Disk Of the Month descriptions is the same as the January newsletters. **This is not a mistake.** I gave Ken and Jim the month off because nobody got the January DOM due to the weather.

### BUSINESS CARDS WERE READY

I planned on debuting the new business cards at the January meeting. Mother Nature worked against us and I had to wait until the February Board meeting to release the new cards. Actually I've already given some to Kermit Cook (An old GCC friend...) at the Sears Computer Department. He said that he would give them out to interested computer buyers to help out the club membership. I hope everyone in the market for a computer will take a look at what Kermit has to offer. He is at the St. Clair Square Sears store in the computer department. If anybody knows someone that would be willing to distribute our cards, please come to the February meeting and get a bunch of cards and help get the word out about our club.

I would also like to thank the Graham Pierce printers next to the Western Sizzler on Highway 50. They were very helpful and ordered special paper to make the cards look professional. They took the proof that I printed in last month's article and scanned it into their computers and printed the cards ahead of schedule.

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### TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Well I'm bad at Tech Tips too. I printed last month's Tech Tip and immediately started receiving messages explaining how to get the CD-ROM ID with a much easier technique. Just Right-Click on your "My Computer" Icon and the ID's are listed under the Registered To: section. Sorry...

I wanted to make up for my unnecessary complication of the Tech Tip section by offering a way for everyone using Windows 95 to get his or her own Tech Tips. Believe it or not I read about a couple very good WIN 95 Tech Tip Web Sites in the March PC GAMER magazine. You thought playing games was useless!

First, I downloaded the PowerToys from Microsoft's download area on the WWW.Microsoft.COM website and installed the TWEAKUI applet for the control Panel. This utility allows you to remove any of the Icons stuck to your Desktop that you no longer or never use. It also lets you control a lot of your bootup options and document menu contents.

Another site that contained useful information is the Windows 95 Annoyances Site at: [WW.creativelement.com/win95ann/intro.html](http://WW.creativelement.com/win95ann/intro.html) It contains a lot (I printed 40 pages) of good info and links to other sites. Next month I'll talk about animating the WIN 95 start up screen...

See you at the meeting...

Mike

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## Happy Valentines Day



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POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
CHRISTMAS PARTY.....\$ 45.32  
CLEANUP.....\$ 25.00  
NOV. EXPENSES.....\$ 107.45

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 675.95  
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POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80

JAN. EXPENSES.....\$ 36.71  
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**Amiga D.O.M. Feb.1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**Atari 800 Emulator -**

This is the version 0.6.0 of an Atari 800, 800XL, 130XE and 5200 emulator for Unix, Amiga and MS-DOS. The main objective is to create a freely distributable portable emulator (i.e. with source code available). It can be configured to run in the following ways :-

1. BASIC mode
2. CURSES Mode
3. SVGALIB for Linux Systems
4. X-Windows + Optional XVIEW or MOTIF User Interface
5. CBM Amiga
6. MS-DOS...

The basic mode is only useful for running programs such as MAC65, Atari Basic etc. The author has had this version running on Linux, SunOS 4.1.3, Solaris 2.4, Silicon Graphics, VAX/VMS, CBM Amiga (Dice C and GNU C) and the HP-UX 9000/380. The CURSES mode is similar to the basic mode, but it also enables full screen editing capability. Some computer don't seem to support curses fully - SunOS 4.1.3, VAX/VMS, LINUX (but ncurses is OK). The SVGALIB version runs at a reasonable speed. The screen dimensions are limited to 320x200 and is unable to display the overscan modes. Instead SV-GALIB displays the core 320x200 pixels. The area which is displayed can be modified using the F11 and F12 keys. The X-Windows version supports graphics and has an optional XVIEW user interface. The Linux X Window version can be built with joystick support (If joystick module is installed in the kernel). The Amiga version supports graphics but currently lacks Paddle support.

**texGeditor** - Geditor is a simple text editor to use as an external ed-

itor for MUI applications that needs one (such as YAM.) It does the job, but not very much more... Font, screen and base options and ARexx support.

- **AmigaDOS** is a very useful language but limited when it comes to scripts. These programs get their information but instead of displaying them like Avail, Info and List does, it sets variables, ready to be used by your script programs. They are: GetAvailMem, GetInfo and GetFileInfo.

**MegaFloppy** - This package includes some files from an xfloppy.device project ( suggestions for another name are welcome ) xfloppy.device is a driver for floppies which looks like track-disk.device and works with the floppy drives, but ( tada... ) saves 1120 kb on a DD floppy. ( HD support for 2320 kb is in plan ) With the programs in this package U can write and read back 1120 kb of data to/from a normal DD floppy !

**Naixalag** - Can you spell Galaxian backwards? I knew you could! This game is a reproduction of an old classic, written for the BLITZ user competition a while ago.

**Amiga Special Feb. 1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**Custard** - 'There are some corners of the Universe which have bred the most terrible things, things which go against everything we believe in. They must be fought.' Cpt. Custard is (loosely) based on an old arcade game called Time Pilot. It is extremely configurable to suit your

machine type and your personal preference. It was created using Amos 1.3, Dpaint IV & Real 3D. Originally it took just 3 days to write, including all GFX. That was Easter 96, and since then the author has occasionally added and improved bits and pieces.. Despite the complexity of this document, Captain Custard is very easy to play. If you haven't tried it yet, go kill some bad guys.

**DiskSqueeze** - DiskSqueeze is a combination of several tools that combine the power of the LZX compression algorithm with the flexibility of the PackDev disk-imager. All necessary software is present in this archive, except the LZX program (see Aminet: util/arc). Those not interested in another disk compression program as such, might take a look at the very useful utilities included here, since some of these were not released on Aminet before.

**SuperDodge** - SuperDodge is an addictive two player game. Each player has a single control with which he is to stop his line from crashing into objects in the way. Player 1 uses the left mouse button to travel up, and lets go of the button to travel down. Player 2 uses the joystick fire button in a similar way. Upon starting the game, you will be presented with an options screen. Select your difficulty settings, speed settings and select one or two players. Once finished, press the GO button in the bottom right hand corner. Player one is in yellow at the top of the screen. Player two is in red at the bottom of the screen. Apart from the colours, the two screens are identical. This makes the game fair. The object is to guide your line out of the hole to the right of the screen.

**Ms-DOS D.O.M. Feb. 97**

By Ken Welker

**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY  
1997 Ms-DOS D.O.M.****PORKY.WAV**

Porky Pig saying "THAT'S  
ALL FOLKS"

**RALLYK.ZIP**

Rally-K is a tribute to the old 1981 game Rally-X and features a scrolling maze where you must play a variant of "Capture The Flag" by maneuvering your car around the maze to capture the flags (wow!) and avoid being run over ("tagged") by the enemy cars.

Additional hazards include stones and other obstacles that may destroy your car if you bump into them.

**VL17A.ZIP**

Visual Labels for Windows, v1.7a This easy to use label design and printing program allows you to create an unlimited variety of labels using text, pictures, boxes, ovals, lines, counters, and patterns in any font, color, or rotation. Includes a comprehensive database of Avery label and business card templates. Also allows for unlimited user-defined labels. A best buy. -RKS Software, Inc. \$39.00. 703-534-1726.

**WIN95ICO.ZIP**

I downloaded this collection of Windows 95 icons from CompuServe and put them in a .DLL file for easier selection when changing icons. You can unzip the "win95icons.dll" file into your

Windows directory if you want and get rid of the icons themselves to use less disk space. I \*don't\* suggest that you unzip \*all\* the icons into your Windows directory though! When you want to change an icon just browse to the "win95icons.dll" file and you will be able to browse all the icons in the selection window instead of looking at one icon at a time. Enjoy!

Randy Burgess 12/16/95

**Amiga Show 97**

The flier enclosed in this month's Bits & Chips announcing the AMIGA 97 Gateway Computer Show is by the request of Bob Sharp, Chairman on the Gateway Computer Show.

This is the third annual Amiga show and it will be to your advantage to go for at least one day, even if you do not now own an Amiga, who knows you may want to join the Amiga users group

The two day show is easy to find as the instructions are included on the back side of the flier.

**And now  
for  
today's tip****WINDOWS IN FORMATION**

Right-mouse click any blank area of the Taskbar and you can choose from three window-arranging options. Cascade, Tile Vertically, or Tile Horizontally. (Note: you must have at least one

window open to be able to access these choices.)

Cascade arranges your open windows in a waterfall formation, with all the title bars visible (try it to see what we mean). The only problem with this arrangement is that when you select a window toward the back of the pile, it covers up the title bars of those in the front. Then you have to rely on window edges to figure out which window is which. There's the breaks. But at least you get to work in close-to-full-sized windows.

If you don't mind smaller windows, the two tile options display each open window (that isn't minimized) side by side. Choose tile Horizontally to display open windows from left to right, one on top of the other, or choose Tile Vertically for up-and-down windows. (Four or more windows will give a tiled effect with either command.) The only downside to tiling—other than small windows—is that certain dialog boxes take up more than their fair share of space.

To switch back to the previous window arrangement, right click the taskbar and select the Undo command. (Tip: If you've chosen both tiling options in a row, the easiest way to get those windows back to a reasonable size, other than sizing them by hand, is to choose Cascade.)

**A Rotten Day**

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

You see a "60 minutes" news team waiting in your office.

**THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES**

By Dick Koerper

Actually there seems to be a lot going on since my last article. Seems that even though they are having troubles making ends meet Apple Computers are out spending money. Apple in conjunction with NeXT software announced that they were purchasing NeXT software for \$400,000,000. Either Apple is not as bad off as people have been saying or they are grasping at straws. Let's take a look at the possible reasons for this purchase.

First off people have been wondering when Apple would be coming out with their replacement Operating System. Well I guess when you are having trouble trying to top your last OS it's easier to just buy another.

Another theory is that one thing that was lacking at Apple Computers was charisma. Nobody in the front office had it at all, and when your whole company was formed on a decent product and sold by charisma, sales go down when you no longer have your main selling point.

Let's take a detour down memory lane shall we. Remember if you will that garage in California where two drop outs built the original Apple computer. One was Steve Wozniak also referred to as The Woz. The Woz was the engineer of this duo who did most of the design and building of this computer. The other was Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs brought a drive, a bit of craziness, and a lot of charisma. Eventually these two started Apple Computers. As corporations will do, those who

originally started the business are eventually forced out by a board that knows what they are doing, at least according to them.

Now you might be wondering what this has to do with the acquisition NeXT. Steve Jobs after leaving Apple went on to form another company, NeXT. Now Steve Jobs will become a special advisor to Apple Computers.

*How about that, a new operating system and charisma. This could be interesting. In other acquisition news, it appears that VisCorp may be out of the running for Amiga Technologies. But it seems there are plenty still interested.*

*QuickPak who has been making Amigas in North America has formally announced that they have submitted a bid for Amiga Technologies. Others interested still include ( according to GAC FLAK ) Pios, who are hoping to put out a midrange computer priced between \$750.00 and \$1100.00 based on the Power PC chip. Phase V which is hoping to put out a more higher end machine at \$1200 plus. Eagle Computers out of Germany, Motorola makers of the 68xxx cpu, Dell who wants to incorporate some of the Amiga technology and Newstar out of Taiwan.*

For more information go online and check out the 'Net. So grab your keyboard and go cyber surfin' with me.

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**Notice** This month you will find a change in the labels format. Above your name is a date your membership expires. Please notice this date each month as a reminder. If you find the date is not correct, call Inge Liggett at 344-0839. Ed.

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**Editors View**

by Larry Briggs

I was taken to task for an accidental omission of two paragraphs in Dick Koerper's article in the January issue of the Bits & Chips. I receive these articles by electronic E-Mail and they come in with a lot of garbage that has to be deleted. In doing so, I must have deleted these two paragraphs in error. Most of the articles I get are zipped, they come in clean and do not have to be edited.

I want to apologize to Dick and any one else that could not make any sense to his story. I am reprinting the whole story in this month's Bits & Chips to correct my mistake. The text that is in bold type is the missing paragraphs. I can not ever remember this happening in my 7 years as editor. I will try to not let this happen in the future, but accidents do happen.

After I wrote the above report I had an accident descending the stairs from my daughters home. I blacked out and fell three steps from the bottom. When I came too, I was laying with my head against the door and my feet still up on the steps, so I must have taken a header. I had a bruise on my left eye from my glasses that were broken.

My daughter took me the emergency room as it happened on a Saturday. X-rays were taken and I was told that I had two broken ribs and a broken bone in my left hand.

When I went to the bone specialist on Monday, the doctor told me, after reading the X-rays, that I did not have any broken ribs, only bad internal bruising.



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Feb. 19th. 1997 7:00pm

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Mar 5th. 1997 7:00pm

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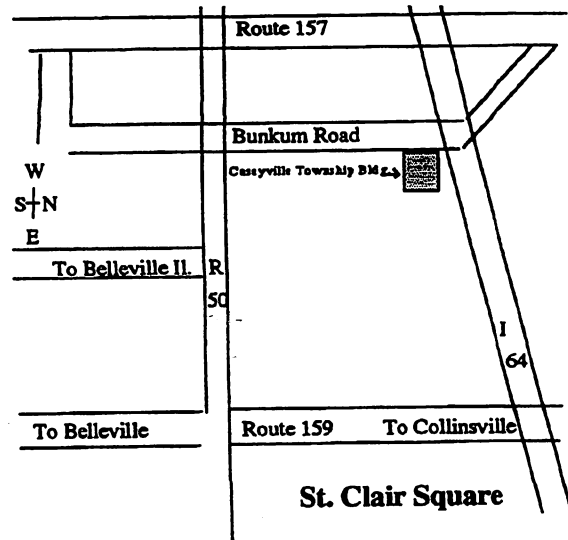
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### **Visitors Always Welcome At Meetings.**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every  
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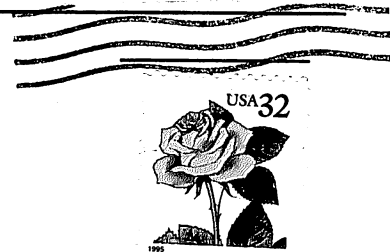
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*Check your dues date!*



# Bits & Chips

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...**

### BUSINESS CARD UPDATE

I think everybody that came to the February meeting liked the new cards... I think almost everybody present took some home to give to their friends and relatives. Please let me know if you need more. I'll bring them to every meeting and everyone is welcome to take as many as they like. We did miss one thing when designing the cards...I did not realize we forgot to put the meeting time on the cards. Please tell everyone interested in the club that we meet at 7 p.m. Also note that the card is good for \$1.00 OFF a new membership and that the membership dues cover the entire family.

### PROJECTOR / DEMO NEWS

We used the overhead projector for the Microsoft Publisher demonstration last month. After the initial setup delays, I think the projector worked out nicely. Ken Welker has a screen that he is going to donate to the Township Building if they will let us use it for our monthly meetings. It is a wall mounted screen so we may have to permanently install it on the wall and that may need the approval of the township. We'll see what they think and try to keep improving on our demonstrations.

### MARCH DEMO (Spring is in the Air)

The title of this section is a hint. This month's demonstration is going to be related to the fine season of Spring. Everybody loves the new flowers that come with the arrival of spring, so we're going to have a demonstration of two of the more popular Gardening programs. We'll take a look at Microsoft's Complete Gardening and the Garden Encyclopedia 2.0 from BOOKS THAT WORK. These CD's include gardening help and plant encyclopedias. Both programs are organized and quite detailed. I'll also bring some of my Gardening books to round out the evening. If anybody has some gardening programs or books, please bring them to the meeting and share them with your friends.

Originally we were going to include a few Bird Identification CD's too but I don't think we'll have time to go through more

that 1 or 2 CD's at one meeting. We'll save the Bird CD's for the April Meeting.

### CD-ROM LIST UPDATE

I'm planning on updating the CD list for the next meeting. At last count we had close to 200 CD's in the library and the count increases every month. Take a look at the list at the next meeting and I'm sure you'll find something interesting...

### TECH TIP OF THE MONTH

Are you tired of looking at the same old Start-Up and Shut-Down screens day after day? Well look no further than the following site to change those dreary old screens into fun animated scenes. The address is:

[WWW.NUCLEUS.COM/~kcmurdo/logos](http://WWW.NUCLEUS.COM/~kcmurdo/logos)

I found a link from the site I mentioned last month to the site I'm talking about this month. The screens that show up as your Startup and Shutdown screens are really just horizontally compressed Bitmap files that have a .SYS extension. The startup screen is called LOGO.SYS and it is located in the root directory of your hard disk (or the host drive if using disk compression). There are two shutdown screens, the one that says Please Wait and the final Please Turn Off Your PC screen. They are named LOGOW.SYS and LOGOS.SYS respectively. You can actually edit these screens with any program that can edit .BMP files if you associate the .SYS extension with the paint program.

The site includes a lot of fun screens to try out on your PC with instructions on how to install and uninstall the new screens. They also have a few utilities for creating your own animated startup screens from your favorite pictures etc... I downloaded a bunch of the screens and tried a few of them out. I'm partial to the fractal based screens but they have everything from the Simpsons to pretty mountain scenes.

See you at the meeting...

Mike

## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to President Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

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## Happy Birthday to

**None this month.**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **Bill Jeffreys and Paula M. Smith.**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **Hank Kilgus**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **Norman Collins, and John Hubbard.**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. None

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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For those of you are having difficulty getting on AOL, try using all of the following local numbers.

257-3400 (28,800 bps)  
277-9551- SprintNet (14,000 bps)  
277-5483- SprintNet (2,400 bps)

All numbers are Belleville numbers.

The slower numbers are fine if you just want to check your e-mail.

## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE FEB 1, 1997...\$ 636.04

I D.O.M. CARDS.....\$ 0.00  
N D.O.M. DISKS.....\$ 16.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 0.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 45.00  
E 50/50.....\$ 9.00

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**Amiga D.O.M.Mar.1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**Grimm**

This is an update to a previous DOM.

Grimm is an Image Processor. It has been build up from many utilities written since the end of 1992, when first AGA machines appear. Some of the features shown in GUI are not all functional, since merging all this software into one package is quite time consuming. Grimm includes also some neat animation features.

**KumQuat**

Kumquat is basically a clone of the fantastic C64 game, 'Zolyx'. You need to fill a certain amount of the screen without getting hit by one of the enemy dots. I know it doesn't sound any good, but it is very addictive. It was recently distributed on the cover of Amiga Format (summer 96 sometime, I forget which issue), and some very nice things were said about it in the magazine.

**Monitor**

Monitor is a commodity program that displays the current date, time, and free memory on the Workbench titlebar. It is different in that it shows the seconds and actual available bytes, not kilobytes. This is VERY handy for programmers checking for memory loss. If you only lose 10 bytes, for example, you would never catch it if you only see you have 1543K of Fast RAM. It can be started in WB-Startup so it is always available.

**Searcher**

Searcher is an effective file finder for the Amiga.

**Amiga Special Mar. 1997****CheckModem -**

It's a program to check the status from a connected modem out of an Arexx- or an Shell-Script.

**PlayPac -**

A very addictive game! Use joystick in port 2 to control pac. Hold button down for shield. Press <Space> for pause, <Esc> to quit. Eat all pills from level and collect bonuses for special events.

**RunBar 3.0 -**

This program is replacement for ToolManager. Using this you can easy run your ,programs, tools, prefs, ARExx scripts and etc... You'll have fast access to programs, just few mouse clicks!!!!!!

Move mouse pointer to bottom of workbench screen, RunBar window appears there,.Press Start button to POPUP main window. Also you can popup window with Hotkey (default is F1.) or with middle mouse button ,if this function enabled. Select menu items by moving mouse pointer over it. If you want open second menus move mouse pointer to right of current menu or press left mouse button ,or wait time delay if you use Time Delay access method.

**Ms-Dos D.O.M. Mar. 97**

By Ken Welker

**ADCMD11D.ZIP**

--- Admirals Command for Windows v1.1d ---

THE Battleships game for Windows with a twist! Admirals Command offers these special game

features: Islands, mines, inesweeping, submerge submarine, move spy ship, the International ADMIRALS HALL OF FAME, and more! Complete with Windows Help and on-line registration. Requires Windows 3.1 or greater, mouse, VGA, and BRUN300.DLL. Shareware by SimoneSystems Software, LLC.

**CDY.EXE**

The Comedy Generator.  
Use this to help You write jocks.

**SCIENCE.EXE**

Science 97 - Interesting Facts, Figures, & True Stories from the World of Science.

**WARRIOR2.ZIP**

Winged Warrior II - The Winged Warrior has been summoned to another mission. He has been called to assist allies on a neighboring planet.

**WNCRISK**

The object of NC Risk is to conquer the world through eliminating all opponents by occupying all territories. The instructions assume the players are familiar with the rules from the Risk board game by Parker Brothers.



Be sure to wear something green on St Patrick's Day

A Shamrock will do

**INFO GRAM #1:**

The Associated Press reported that Microsoft Corp. has revealed a serious flaw in their Internet Explorer browser. The flaw could allow an operator of Web site to secretly run programs stored on someone's personal computer. Potentially, the Web site operator could prevent a computer from starting up; and, could send e-mail from another person's account. Microsoft's share in the market is approximately 25 to 30 percent. Reportedly, Microsoft is devoting the efforts of their developers and program manager to the problem. So, if you are using the Microsoft Internet Explorer - a word to the wise - well, you know the rest!

**INFO GRAM #2:**

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Apple Computer Inc. will soon offer half-price upgrades on thousands of its personal computers to settle charges of false advertising. The upgrades relate to the Performa 550, Performa 560, and the Macintosh LC 550 computers. So, you Apple owners may want to check this out.

**INFO GRAM #3:**

For you gamers, it was reported that Sony Computer Entertainment America has slashed the cost of its Play Station system and accompanying software by over 25 percent. down by almost \$50.00 on each of the items. Quite a savings for those interested!

Submitted by Hank Kilgus

## Microsoft rushes to eliminate security glitch

March 5th.1997

Microsoft is promising by today to fix a serious security flaw in its Internet Explorer browser.

Computer programmers were scrambling tuesday to test a solution that would prevent Web site operators or hackers from tampering with files on someone else's personal computer. Microsoft was notified of the bug on Monday and has been working since then to correct it.

The flaw would enable hackers to bypass security measures built into the Explorer browser, which is used by millions of people. The bug could affect users running Explorer 3.0 and Explorer 3.01 for Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0, Microsoft says on a Web page devoted to the security problem. But the company is not aware of any customers who have been affected by the problem. A fix for the bug will be posted on Microsoft's Web site. Explorer users will need to download that fix to their computers to correct the security gap.

Paul Greene, the student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass., who discovered the flaw, said the problem could cause directories to be created or deleted on Windows 95 machines. Other potential breaches could enable a hacker to send e-mail from another person's account, or prevent another person's computer from starting up.

Microsoft Security Information and Code Updates: <http://www.microsoft.com/ie/security/update.htm>

## NEW! AOL's Autodialer

One way to reduce the frustration of busy signals is to take advantage of redialer software that automatically attempts to connect to AOL multiple times. This capability has existed for the past several months for Macintosh members using our AOL 3.0 for Mac software, but this week we're pleased to make an autodialer available free to our members with AOL 3.0 for Windows 3.1 or 95. Up until now, members using Windows have been able to dial into the system with a pair of access numbers just once. And then, if necessary, you had to re-type your screen name and/or password manually to try again. Our new autodialer will try dialing the same pair of numbers from 5 to 9 times (depending on what you set it for), increasing your chances of connecting with no extra work on your part. Members using AOL 3.0 with Windows 3.1 or 95 should go to keyword: AUTODIALER to download the software. (And if you are a Mac or Windows member and aren't using AOL 3.0. go to keyword UPGRADE.)

### **\*\*Changing the Autodialer's Settings\*\***

After the Autodialer is installed on your machine, just click on Setup from the Sign-On screen, and specify the number of retries for each phone number you have listed. AOL will then dial the first number repeatedly, until the number of retries you specify is exhausted (or until you are connected which ever comes first); then it will **begin dialing the second number**. The message "Trying second number" now refers to redialing your first number. You can modify the number of retries at any time.

Reprint from AOL, Steve Case monthly newsletter.

**THE LIBRARIAN'S SHELVES**

By Dick Koerper

Bill Gates died, and came across St. Peter at the Gates of Heaven. Peter stopped him and said they needed to talk before he went any further. "What is it you need?" asked Bill Gates. St. Peter replied "Well it's like this Mr. Gates, we have a real problem trying to figure out what to do with you." "How's that?" said Bill. "Well" Peter replied, "It's like this. For what you did for the personal computer, and the way you helped put computers on everyone's desk. What you did for helping people all over the world communicate with each other, for this you should definitely go to heaven." "OK" said Bill, "So what's the problem.:" "Back in 1995 you did something called Windows 95 that was so horrendous that you deserve to go to hell." Said Peter. "What we have decided to do is give you a tour of both places and let you decide where you would like to stay" "Sounds fine to me."

So the first place they visited was hell. It was warm but not hot at all, and besides everyone was sitting around the pool drinking tropical drinks and having what looked like a perfectly lovely time. There next stop was Heaven, there they found everyone standing on clouds, wearing robes and discussing philosophy.

Bill stated, "Well both places seem nice enough but I think I'll choose hell. It looked like everyone was enjoying themselves more there." And poof without further adieu Bill was gone. A couple of months later St. Peter decided he should go check on Bill Gates to see how he was doing. When he got there it was hotter than you know

where, everyone was lashed to the wall and devils were going around whipping them. When Bill Gates spied Peter he called him over. Bill cried "Peter, Peter this place is horrible, what ever happened to the hell you showed me?" "Oh that", said Peter, "That was our demo version."

Four people were on a plane, Bill Gates, Rev. Billy Graham, a boy scout and the pilot. When the plane started making a sputtering sound and then the engines stopped all together. The pilot came running out of the cockpit grabbed a parachute spun around and said to remaining three "We are going down, the problem is that there are four of us and only three parachutes. I am taking one because I am a family man with a wife and five kids to support." With that he jumped out of the plane.

Bill Gates jumps up and grabs a parachute looks at the remaining three and says, "I am the smartest man in the world so I should be saved", and jumps out of the plane. Billy Graham looks at the boy scout and says, "Son you are very young and have a full life ahead of you, and I am prepared to meet my maker, you take the last parachute" The boy scout replies, "Don't worry Reverend Graham the smartest man in the world just jumped out wearing my backpack."

**HAPPY EASTER****Editors View**

by Larry Briggs

This will be a short report as I still have a cast on my left hand and it is very hard to type with one hand, very slow. I am to visit the doctor on the March 6<sup>th</sup> to see if the cast can be removed, I hope so!

The club seems to be getting new members, I hope that this trend will continue, and we will not lose any present loyal members.

I am presently downloading, Tips & Hints from the Internet, I am printing them in the Bits & Chips, I hope you find them interesting and useful. Some of them asks that you edit the Registry, be very careful, do not edit the registry unless you know what you are doing, as it could foul up your computer. Always make a backup of the registry before making any changes, then if something goes awry you can correct it.

As you can see from the articles on page 4, Microsoft had a glitch in their Explorer Browser 3.0 for windows 95. It looks like it has been repaired.

I want to thank Hank Kilgus for e-mailing me the INFO GRAM #1, #2 and #3. It helps to fill up the newsletter with articles that is of interest to our members. I would ask that other members would also take the time and effort to do the same, I have asked many times before with little success, it is gratifying to see that someone took the time and effort to become involved in the clubs activities. We need more of you to help.

Late report...The cast is off and I have two hands to type.

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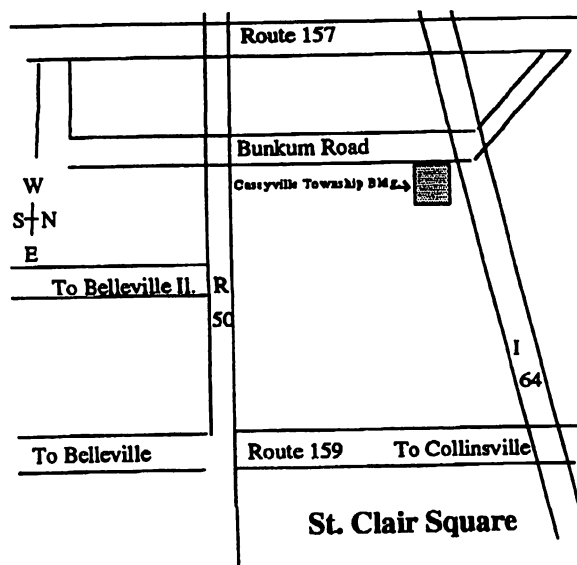
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# Bits & Chips

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...**

### PROJECTOR / DEMO NEWS

We used the newer overhead projector for the Gardening Program demonstration last month.

The projector worked great. It was easy to set up and the images were very detailed. I'm not sure if I can get the new projector for this month's demo, but, I'm going to try... If I can't get the newer projector, I'll at least get the other projector that we used in February.

### APRIL DEMO (Birds are in the Air)

Last month's demo on gardening was fun... I think everybody got an idea of what a gardening CD can do. I got a request last month to give a demonstration on Bird Identification CD-ROM's. I have the Roger Tory Peterson and National Audubon Society's CD's. They are both nice CD's and we'll use the overhead so everyone can see the presentation. The N.A.S CD uses real pictures and the Peterson CD uses his drawings and sketches. I think I actually like the Peterson guide a little better than the N.A.S. CD but I'll let you decide which one you like at the meeting. Brush up on your bird identification skills, there is an identification quiz on the Peterson CD and we'll take it and see how we do...

### CD-ROM LIST UPDATE

I updated the CD list for the March meeting and we had a total of 216 CD's when I left for the meeting. At the meeting John Jordan offered to organize the CD collection and I instantly accepted his offer. I got the cases back from him at the board meeting and they look very nice. He did a great job organizing the CD's. The CD's are now organized into categories and then alphabetically. I'm going to add another column to the CD list to accommodate the category info of each CD. It should be a lot easier to find what you are looking for now that the CD's are organized. The new categories include: Adult, Games, Educational, Utilities, and Magazine Disks. We may need a new case to hold our CD's soon. We'll see what happens and get a new case when we need it. **THANKS AGAIN TO JOHN JORDAN** for all his work...

### DOM vs. ZIP DISK NEWS

We are contemplating the fact that our D.O.M.'s are not selling well and Ken and Jim are having a hard time finding programs that fit on a 1.44 Meg disk. One solution that we are considering includes the ZIP drives that a lot of our members are already using. Ken put all of the DOM's from 1992-1996 on **ONE** ZIP disk and still had room from Jim to add a lot of interesting software (Like Netscape's new Communicator package) to make the disk even more exciting. We are considering the fact that a ZIP drive costs about \$150.00 and a lot of our members already have them. We are thinking about doing the following: Create ZIP disks with the latest software and utilities from the Internet and allow the members to copy (or trade a blank ZIP disk for) the updated disks at the meetings. If a member would like to have a file copied to a normal 1.44 Meg disk then we would move the file to a blank disk using a ZIP drive and a Laptop at the meetings. With our growing CD-ROM collection and the increasing availability of downloadable software on the WEB, the DOM's are not really as necessary as they used to be. Please let us know what you think at the meeting and we'll make a decision then...

### MIND GAME OF THE MONTH

Here's one that had me stumped for a while:  
The day before yesterday I was 27 and next year I'll be 30.  
How can this be?

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

While looking for good jokes and Mind Games this Month I came across the following Web Site:  
**WWW.READERSDIGEST.COM**. Check it out, they have a lot of their best stuff available on the Web.

### ANSWER TO MIND GAME

If you were born on an even numbered leap year and your first name is 27...No wait that's not it??? Hmmm...  
Are you an April Fool?

I'll have the answer at the meeting...

Mike



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## Happy Birthday to

**Tony Burke 4/3**

**Norman Collins 4/3**

**Richard Collins 4/13**

**Joseph Whalen 4/16**

**John Price 4/23**

**Harrie Jones Jr. 4/26**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **John Jordan.**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **John Hubbard, Norman Collins and Inge Liggett.**

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**And now for todays tip...**

### OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

If you're viewing the contents of a floppy disk, and then insert another disk into your floppy drive, how do you view the new disk's contents? We hope not by opening My Computer and double-clicking the Floppy Drive icon. There's a much faster way. Simply hit F5 to refresh the open floppy disk windows contents. The contents of the old disk will disappear from the window, replaced by those of the new one.

## Treasurer's Report

### TREASURER'S REPORT

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE MAR 1, 1997 637.70

I D.O.M. CARDS....\$	0.00
N D.O.M. DISKS....\$	6.00
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.\$	0.00
O BLANK DISKS 5.25\$	0.00
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$	45.00
E 50/50.....\$	7.00

FEB INCOME.....\$ 58.00

E	
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**Amiga D.O.M. Apr. 1997**

By Jim Tomlinson

**Grimm -**

This is an update to a previous DOM.

Grimm is an Image Processor. It has been

build up from many utilities written since the end of 1992, when first AGA machines appear. Some of the features shown in GUI are not all functional, since merging all this software into one package is quite time consuming. Grimm includes also some neat animation features.

**KumQuat**

Kumquat is basically a clone of the fantastic C64 game, 'Zolyx'. You need to fill a certain amount of the screen without getting hit by one of the enemy dots. I know it doesn't sound any good, but it is very addictive. It was recently distributed on the cover of Amiga Format (summer 96 sometime, I forget which issue), and some very nice things were said about it in the magazine.

**Monitor**

Monitor is a commodity program that displays the current date, time, and free memory on the Workbench titlebar. It is different in that it shows the seconds and actual available bytes, not kilobytes. This is VERY handy for programmers checking for memory loss. If you only lose 10 bytes, for example, you would never catch it if you only see you have 1543K of Fast RAM. It can be started in WB-Startup so it is always available.

**Searcher**

Searcher is an effective file finder for the Amiga.

**Amiga Special Apr. 1997****CheckModem**

It's a program to check the status from a connected modem out of an Arexx- or an Shell-Script.

**PlayPac**

A very addictive game! Use joystick in port 2 to control pac. Hold button down for shield. Press <Space> for pause, <Esc> to quit. Eat all pills from level and collect bonuses for special events.

**RunBar 3.0**

This program is replacement for ToolManager. Using this you can easy run your programs, Tools, prefs, ARexx scripts and etc... You'll have fast access to programs, just few mouse clicks!!!!!!

Move mouse pointer to bottom of workbench screen, RunBar window appears there. Press Start button to POPUP main window. Also you can popup window with Hotkey (default is F1.) or with middle mouse button, if this function enabled. Select menu items by moving mouse pointer over it. If you want open second menus move mouse pointer to right of current menu or press left mouse button, or wait time delay if you use Time Delay access method.

**Ms-Dos D.O.M. April. 97**

By Ken Welker

**CR 3291.ZIP**

Wave sound of a train whistle.

**CRKDRSM3.WAV**

Wave sound of "I QUIT"

**DAT-9702.ZIP**

Latest virus files for McAfee Virus Scan

**DFS49.ZIP****DISK COPY FAST v4.9:**

Powerful 1-pass diskette duplicating utility. VERY fast: 42+% faster than DOS, 33+% faster than competing programs; Command line or menu driven; HOT keys for backup or multiple target; Mouse support;

**FORMAT DISKCOPY**

DISKCOMP all in 1 pass; Uses extended memory; Creates image file; On-line help; Support PC XT AT, mono CGA EGA VGA.

**PK250W23.EXE**

PKZIP(R) for Windows Version 2.50 9-15-1996 Copyright 1989-1996 PKWARE Inc. All Rights Reserved PKZIP Reg. U.S. Pat. and Tm Off. Patent No. 5,051,745

This contains the SHAREWARE versions of PKZIP for Windows.

Two versions of PKZIP for Windows are included on this, a 16-bit version and a 32-bit version. If you distribute this Shareware version of PKZIP for Windows to friends, associates, or to a computer bulletin board (BBS), please distribute the files K250W16.EXE and K250W32.EXE rather than the individual files for PKZIP for Windows.

**QUICK SWITCHES**

When you have a number of applications open at once, chances are a quick way to switch from one to the next always would be handy. Sure, you can use the Taskbar, but then you have to get the mouse involved. Try this instead: press AH+Tab to bring up a box of icons representing every open application. Without letting go of the AH button, continue to press Tab to highlight each icon in sequence. When you get to the one you want, let go, and you're there.

**GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB**  
Minutes of the General Meeting -  
March 19, 1997  
By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

The meeting was opened by  
President Mike Taphorn at 7:10  
p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** All were  
present.

Eleven members and one guest  
were attended the meeting.

The guest was Mr. Benjamin In-  
gram of Caseyville, Ill.

#### **BUSINESS DISCUSSED:**

There were no objections to the  
financial report submitted by the  
Treasurer, Joseph Whalen.

President Taphorn presented a  
quick review of the contents of the  
CD library and following that, Mike  
gave a brief explanation of the gar-  
dening program demonstration that  
was to be presented immediately  
following the meeting to all mem-  
bers and guests interested.

Inge Liggett made available to  
the attendees a new membership  
roster, complete with phone num-  
bers and e-mail addresses. She also  
made available to the membership  
copies of the latest version of  
"1,001 Windows 95 Tips: Operating  
System Shortcuts."

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Following the meeting, Mike  
presented a demonstration on two  
gardening programs. The demon-  
stration was well attended.

### **ANOTHER KILGUS INFOGRAM:**

Is the Oracle Corporation going  
to be the savior for Apple Com-  
puter? Well, if you believe it's

Chairman Ellison, they will. Elli-  
son is reported to be expressing in-  
terest in buying Apple and is report-  
edly in the process of forming an  
investors group who will decide  
whether to seek control of the ailing  
personal computing pioneer. Elli-  
son has yet to make a bid.

Apple computers are used in  
most of our private and public  
schools. They are also used in the  
college undergraduate programs.  
Therefore, I for one would like to  
see Apple restored to a solid, prof-  
itable corporation.

Those who follow Apple's  
stocks, know that apple is in des-  
perate need of new management  
and leadership. Oracle's Chairman  
Ellison thinks he can provide just  
that!

There are skeptics however.  
One major investor, the Parnassus  
Fund in San Francisco believes that  
Ellison's offer is unimpressive.

Well, we will just have to wait  
and see.

In the meantime, watch your  
stocks closely.

### **GCC IBM Zip Disk of the Quarter**

**ATOMTime** - AtomTime95 is a  
32-bit Win95 Internet (Winsock)  
application which will connect to  
the Atomic Clock time server in  
Boulder, CO and fetch the current  
atomic clock time value. It com-  
pares this value to your PC time  
and displays the difference. You  
then have the option of updating  
your PC clock to match the atomic  
clock value. There is also a com-  
mand line option to have Atom-  
Time automatically set the clock  
and exit.

**FREETel** - FreeTel enables real-  
time voice communication over the  
Internet. You can talk to another  
FreeTel user who is currently on-  
line. full-duplex operation on  
Sound Blaster 16 or Sound Blaster  
AWE32 cards. Half-duplex or full-  
duplex operation on other cards as  
the case may be. Electronic Phone  
Directory,

Advanced Caller ID, Superior Au-  
dio Quality, Multiple User Config-  
urations, Phone Web Links, Key-  
board Communicator, Caller Log,  
Booster Feature and File Transfer  
capability. And as the name im-  
plies, it's FREE!

**GAMES** - Among the games  
featured are, Delirium: Have you  
ever played a graphic-adventure  
being even more mad than this  
one? I guess not! A beautiful and  
unbelievable world awaits you in  
this adventure-game in the style of  
Monkey Island and Indiana Jones!

**ICQ** - ICQ is a revolutionary,  
user-friendly Internet program that  
tells you who's online at all times  
and enables you to contact them at  
your wish. No longer will you  
search in vain for friends or associ-  
ates on the 'net. ICQ does the  
searching for you, alerting you in  
real time when they sign on. In ad-  
dition, ICQ continually tells you  
who of your friends and associates  
are online. With ICQ, you can chat,  
send messages and files, play  
games or just hang out with your  
fellow 'netters while still surfing  
the net.

**McAfee** - This is a collection of  
arguably the best virus detection  
and killing software for the PC. In-  
cluded is the latest DOS version,  
the latest Windows 95 version and  
the latest upgrade Data files.

See page 5

**Netscape Communicator Beta 2** - The latest do-all web browser from the company that started the revolution. This version includes ALL the latest plug-ins!

**PointCast** - The PointCast? Network is a free Internet news service that delivers up-to-the-minute information to your computer 24 hours a day--including national and international stories, stock quotes and industry updates, current sports scores, and weather from around the globe. You can set up your own "personal news profile," and PointCast will retrieve only the specific types of information that interest you. It's like having a personalized news network right on your desktop. PointCast also replaces old-fashioned screen savers with SmartScreen? software that gives you constantly updated headlines while your computer is idle.

**RAS+** - RAS is a neat little utility that takes the drugery out of calling your internet provider. Not only will it attempt to redial every 3 seconds if the line is busy, but it will launch your favorite web browsers when the connection is established! Neat stuff and I hope to have the latest version always available for you.

**WordExpress95** - WordExpress v2.0 for Win95 - Award Winning Word Processor. Full Windows 95 feature set including long filenames, email, fax, OLE/2, uninstall and more. Top of the line features include WYSIWYG editing, fonts, columns, pictures, tables, and lot's more!

**WorldFlash** - Once WorldFlash News Ticker is running, it will attempt to connect to the Internet. If you have your Win95 Autodial set-

tings, you will be prompted to connect to your ISP. If you are on a LAN or already have an active TCP/IP connection, WorldFlash will start up with quotes, news headlines and weather. You can double-click on anything to activate your internet browser with a link to that item. WorldFlash comes with Netscape set up as the default browser, but you can change that if you like (to Microsoft's Internet Explorer, for example) in the Preferences dialog box.

### **THE SHELVES OF KOERPER**

By Dick Koerper

#### **TOP TEN THINGS OVER-HEARD AT THE CDA HEARINGS**

From the judges' chambers to the stairwells in the Supreme Court itself, we have the top ten things heard at the CDA appeal hearings:

10. I can't define it, but I know it when I download it.

9. Does this mean the Paula Jones Web site will be taken down?

8. I don't know about you, but I'm moving my site to Moldova.

7. Well, at least the children can still buy guns.

6. So will Courtney Love play Donna Rice Hughes in "The Net vs. Larry Flynt?"

5. Don't you just love

the ACLU--defenders of truth, freedom, and [www.perverts.com](http://www.perverts.com)?

4. Oh man, I'd give anything to see Clarence Thomas's bookmark list.

3. But sir, I have no pornograph!

2. Does anybody really think the CDA can out-smart a horny 14-year-old?

1. Somebody tell Senator Exon he can stop with the research already.

### **Editors View**

by Larry Briggs

Our membership is increasing, that is a good sign that perhaps the club is doing something right. Mike is bringing his Computer projector to the meetings, and demonstrating programs so that everyone can see, and not have to crowd around a small monitor, some members would soon loose interest and stop viewing the demo.

The board has decided that with the poor sales of D.O.M's, they will put public domain programs on a Zip disk. Those of you that do not have a Zip drive, now is the time to buy one. The floppy disk era is about to end, some stores are practically giving them away. Most new programs come on a CD Rom disk. Hardly any on a 1.44 Meg disk. One computer company are not even putting a floppy in their machine, a Zip drive instead.

I miss coming to the meetings. I am glad to be part of the club by publishing the newsletter. I want to again, thank all of the contributors for their timely contributions.

## **GCC Directory**

### **Next Meeting**

April 16th. 1997 7:00pm

### **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

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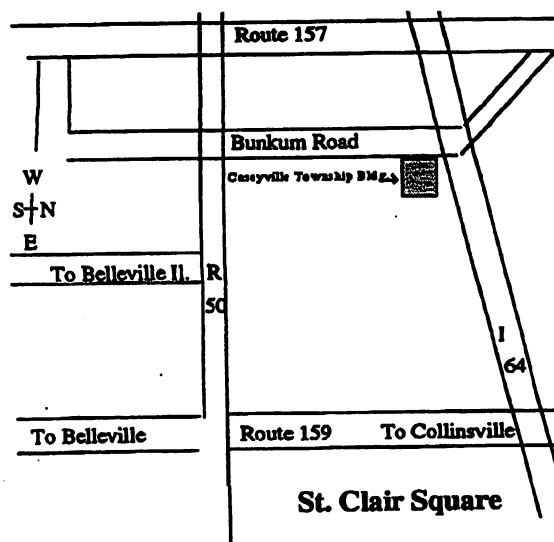
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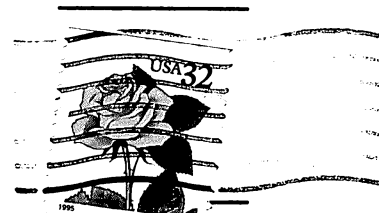
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### MAY DEMO

Last month's demo on birds got off to a rocky start and then got cancelled completely.

This month's demo is going to cover Microsoft Office 97. I used Word 97 to write this article and it works pretty nice. I like the other elements of Office 97 too. The demo will include a brief introduction to each program in the Office package. We'll probably do individual demos on each of the programs in the future.

### DOM vs. ZIP DISK NEWS

We decided at the April meeting that we would officially move to the ZIP disk format for our DOM's. Jim Tomlinson has access to a 10 Mbit line and he got permission to download software for the club. Having Jim download the big files will save all of us a lot of time and enable us to have the latest software and demos on our club ZIP disks. The ZIP disks will be numbered to allow everyone to make sure they have the latest most up-to-date files. ZIP disk #1 is already full and Jim is already working on ZIP disk #2. The members at the April meeting voted to have me buy some blank ZIP disks so we could sell them to anyone interested in purchasing them at the meetings. The board members and myself decided that we could cover our overhead and the cost of the disks if we sold the GCC Zip Disks for \$15.00 each at the meetings. We also decided that the fee to switch a blank (or older GCC Zip disk) disk for an updated GCC Zip disk will be \$2.00. The fees will cover the actual cost of the disks and help defer the costs of buying and filling the disks with software.

### MIND GAME OF LAST MONTH

Here is the real answer to last month's puzzle:

I was born on December 31<sup>st</sup>. I was making the statement on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January. That means the day before yesterday I was 27. Yesterday I turned 28. December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year I'll be 29 and next year on December 31<sup>st</sup> I'll be 30.

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

If you are looking for vehicle information about new or used cars, look no further than: [WWW.EDMUNDS.COM](http://WWW.EDMUNDS.COM) I used it to determine what I should pay for my new car and how much I should ask for my trade-in. The site has tips & information for new and experienced car buyers.

### BAD STORY OF THE MONTH

I considered myself pretty safe and always tried to make sure I never left my laptop by itself or in any sort of danger. Well, one night last week I accidentally left my laptop out in my company car overnight and it wasn't there when I went out to get it in the morning. Actually my neighbor came over to tell me somebody had vandalized my station wagon by throwing a brick through the back window. It took a little while for me to realize my laptop was gone. Please be careful with your laptops. I thought a locked car would keep my stuff safe and I was wrong.

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Joe was suffering from excruciating headaches. "You have a rare condition that causes pressure to build up against your spine and this is causing your headaches", the doctor said. His doctor told him the only cure for his headaches was castration. Joe was shocked but had the surgery. After leaving the hospital depressed, Joe decided to buy a new suit to cheer himself up. The salesman eyed him and said. "44 long?" "That's right," Joe said. He tried on the suit and it fit perfectly. "How about a new shirt?" the salesman asked. "Let's see, a 34 sleeve and 16 1/2 neck ought to do it." "Right again! You're amazing!" Joe exclaimed. "How about some new underwear while we're at it?" The salesman suggested. He eyed Joe's waist and said, "Size 36." "Nope. You finally missed one," Joe said, chuckling. "I wear size 34." "You couldn't possibly," replied the salesman. "Underwear that tight would cause a great deal of pressure against your spine and cause one heck of a headache."

See you at the Meeting,  
**Mike**

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## And now for today's tip...

### TRASH COME BACK

If you've sent an item to the Recycle Bin that you suddenly decide you need back. Well, you're in luck-as long as you haven't emptied the Recycle Bin since you deleted that item

Double-click the Recycle Bin desktop icon to display its contents. When you find the item you'd like back, right-mouse click it and choose Restore. Windows 95 returns the item to its original location.

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**GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB**

Minutes of the General Meeting - April 16, 1997

By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

The meeting was opened by President Mike Taphorn at 7:15 pm

**BOARD MEMBERS:** All were present. Thirteen members and 2 guests attended the meeting.

The guests were John Shea and Paul Keefer

**BUSINESS DISCUSSED:**

There were no objections to the financial report submitted by the Treasurer, Joseph Whalen.

President Taphorn discussed the ird Books and the CD's that were to be demonstrated at the end of the meeting. As an added note, the demonstration was not successful because the laptop computer would not recognize the Bird Program CD's.

John Jordan updated the CD library for the club and Mike explained the set-up.

The demonstration for May 1997 will be Office 97 Pro. Mr Koerper volunteered to use his laptop to present the demonstration. Mike announced that GCC now has 34 members.

Ken Welker announced that he is willing to donate a wall mountable projection screen to the township building. Mike agreed to speak to the township officials to secure approval for hanging the screen on the wall in the meeting room.

A motion was made and seconded that GCC change from the monthly DOM's to ZIP disks; and, purchase 10 ZIP disks for sale at the club meetings. Motion approved. A motion was also made and seconded that an additional CD case and a sufficient amount of DC holders be purchased for the CD library. Motion approved.

John Jordan was the lucky winner of the 50-50 drawing.

**GCC IBM Zip Disk of the Quarter**

By Ken Welker

**ATOMTime**

AtomTime95 is a 32-bit Win95 Internet (Winsock) application which will connect to the Atomic Clock time server in Boulder, CO and fetch the current atomic clock time value. It compares this value to your PC time and displays the difference. You then have the option of updating your PC clock to match the atomic clock value. There is also a command line option to have AtomTime automatically set the clock and exit.

**FREETel -**

FreeTel enables real-time voice communication over the Internet. You can talk to another FreeTel user who is currently on-line. full-duplex operation on Sound Blaster 16 or Sound Blaster AWE32 cards. Half-duplex or full-duplex operation on other cards as the case may be. Electronic Phone Directory,

Advanced Caller ID, Superior Audio Quality, Multiple User Configurations, Phone Web Links, Keyboard Communicator, Caller Log, Booster Feature and File Transfer capability. And as the name implies, it's FREE!

**GAMES -**

Among the games featured are, Delirium: Have you ever played a graphic-adventure being even more mad than this one? I guess not! A beautiful and unbelievable world awaits you in this adventure-game in the style of Monkey Island and Indiana Jones!

**ICQ -**

ICQ is a revolutionary, user-friendly Internet program that tells you who's online at all times and enables you to contact them at your wish. No longer will you search in vain for friends or associates on the 'net. ICQ does the searching for you, alerting you in real time when they sign on. In addition, ICQ continually tells you who of your friends and associates are online. With ICQ, you can chat, send messages and files, play games or just hang out with your fellow 'netters while still surfing the net.

**McAfee -**

This is a collection of arguably the best virus detection and killing software for the PC. Included is the latest DOS version, the latest Windows 95 version and the latest upgrade Data files.

**Netscape Communicator Beta 2 -**

The latest do-all web browser from the company that started the revolution. This version includes ALL the latest plug-ins!

**PointCast -**

The PointCast? Network is a free Internet news service that delivers up-to-the-minute information to your computer 24 hours a day--including national and international stories, stock quotes and industry updates, current sports scores, and weather from around the globe. You can set up your own "personal news profile," and PointCast will retrieve only the specific types of information that interest you. It's like having a personalized news network right on your desktop. PointCast also replaces old-fashioned screen savers with SmartScreen? software that gives you constantly updated headlines while your computer is idle.

**RAS+ -**

RAS is a neat little utility that takes the drugery out of calling your internet provider. Not only will it attempt to redial every 3 seconds if the line is busy, but it will launch your favorite web browsers when the connection is established! Neat stuff and I hope to have the latest version always available for you.

**WordExpress95 -**

WordExpress v2.0 for Win95 - Award Winning Word Processor. Full Windows 95 feature set including long filenames, email, fax, OLE/2, uninstall and more. Top of the line features include WYSIWYG editing, fonts, columns, pictures, tables, and lot's more!

**WorldFlash -**

Once WorldFlash News Ticker is running, it will attempt to connect to the Internet. If you have your Win95 Autodial settings, you will be prompted to connect to your ISP. If you are on a LAN or already have an active TCP/IP connection, WorldFlash will start up with quotes, news headlines and weather. You can double-click on anything to activate your internet browser with a link to that item. WorldFlash comes with Netscape set up as the default browser, but you can change that if you like (to Microsoft's Internet Explorer, for example) in the Preferences dialog box.



# Gateway2000 Purchases Amiga Technologies GmbH

by William F. Maddock

On March 27, 1997 the assets of Amiga Technologies were acquired by a very progressive American company—Gateway 2000. Considering the fact that nobody (except maybe few people close to the deal) had a clue of this revelation—initially it was a bit of a shock (still is, actually). Here we had a company, who has been in business for the past 12 years in the IBM-compatible market. The company did very well, but there were never any ties with the Amiga.

Looking at the situation after a few days of reports, comments and thoughts—a somewhat clearer picture is painted (in HAM8, of course). First, let's examine a few facts—Gateway 2000 has been in the business for 12 years, they have been very successful, especially considering the toughness and competitiveness of the IBM-compatible marketplace. They have been very unorthodox and very proactive in their approach to marketing, distributing and finally selling their products and services. I don't think there's one person in the USA, who has even mild interest in computers, who had not heard of their famous 'coworiented' approach to selling computers. So, all of these facts are very positive! The lingering question, however, remains "Why would a company, that's doing very well in the market that's by far the mainstream market, want to spend millions of dollars on a totally different technology company (AMIGA), who many PC industry 'experts' have written off?"

I had an opportunity to meet Rick Snyder, President & COO of Gateway 2000, at the Information Technology Expo that was held in Seattle on April 2, 1997. It turned out to be my pleasure to listen to this very eloquent and professional gentleman give a keynote speech and answer some of my questions as best as he could at the time.

I would describe Rick Snyder as a very humble COO, who is at the same time very passionate about his company. A lot of COO's are... well, too considerate of themselves

and full of unrealized hype (we're located in Microsoft country, but don't let this fool you). He's definitely different, coming across as a very caring individual, very determined and proud of his company's accomplishments and clearly understanding where he's going and why. With that clearness, however, he's still very much open to comments and suggestions from the most important people (according to him)—Gateway's customers.

Mr. Snyder gave a brief history of the company and immediately moved into the company's current philosophy and future direction. He described 'Value Circle' as the model for Gateway's business. As in a circle, the items listed below are being constantly employed in that order and then repeated from the top.

The Gateway 2000 Value Circle is comprised of the following items:

- Latest Hi-Tech Products
- Lowest Cost Structure
- Most Efficient Distribution Channels
- Highest Value to End User
- Quality Service and Support
- Highest Customer Satisfaction Levels
- Repeat/Referral Business

Mr. Snyder pointed out that very important attention is being addressed at Gateway to every one of the items listed. Then he described Gateway's view of the computer purchasers. Basically, there are 3 groups of computer buyers: Enthusiast, Major Accounts, and Consumer.

Gateway is trying to address the needs of each group. He mentioned that it's impossible to specifically break the categories, mostly because the Enthusiast group will usually not admit to be in that category (although from his qualification, I'd say that that is exactly where the Amiga community fits). Enthusiasts being people who want the latest and greatest and want it NOW!

Major Accounts, according to him, represents the business, corpo-

rate clientele.

Consumer pretty much represents the home market, including tiny businesses (home businesses).

He indicated that every one of these categories is being given special attention at Gateway and every one is being addressed from a slightly different point of view, all the while keeping in mind the model of the value Circle. He mentioned the word 'Value' many times during his keynote address.

He explained that the future will bring a "more diverse" product line (that's where I figured he's talking about the Amiga, but he didn't specifically mention it at that time) and that the most important goal for Gateway 2000 is the "Total VALUE of Ownership". Some of the 'values' that he noted were "RESPECT, CARING TEAMWORK, COMMON SENSE, AGGRESSIVENESS, HONESTY, EFFICIENCY & FUN". He talked about "building relationships" that included "listening skills" and "openness".

He also talked about the profit model that Gateway 2000 adheres to. It's actually very simple; all they want is 5% Net after-tax profit! To be able to accomplish that they are operating under 19% profit margins. That's the entire money-making formula for Gateway 2000.

All of these statements were delivered with a genuine and unwavering belief in everything stated. The guy was very hard NOT to like and definitely impressed me with the delivery of Organization the message and, much more importantly, the content of the message.

Mr. Snyder brought up a few facts about Gateway 2000 and they were impressive indeed. Gateway was started in 1985 (same year as Amiga) with 2 employees and the yearly gross income of \$100,000 (although he stated that he thought the \$100,000 was rounded using math that hasn't been invented yet). Currently the company employs 9,700 people worldwide with \$5 billion in sales. They represent 8% of USA desktops and 75% of the Fortune 1000 companies buy

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Gateway 2000 vision is to be the best computer product reseller!

Before proceeding to Q&A session, Mr. Snyder concluded and summarized the main points:

- Total Value of Ownership
- Values-oriented Organization
- Dedication to Build Long-Term Relationships.

During the Q&A I asked one three part question: "Why did Gateway buy Amiga Technologies, what are

they planning to do with it and how soon can I get one of their fancy cow-colored boxes with an Amiga in it?"

Mr. Snyder replied that it's tough to be specific at this point. He said that when purchasing something during a bankruptcy, you're actually buying an equivalent of a large box with 'stuff' in it. You have an IDEA of what the stuff is, but no clue what the details of the contents are. Until you're given the permission to 'open the box', you can't begin to make any kind of concrete plans regarding it. Even though the offer has been accepted and there are several Gateway 2000 people in Germany working on the details, he has not heard everything from them and therefore does NOT want to mislead anyone or promise something that's not so (remember, what I said earlier about being in Microsoft country—this guy, very obviously, is taking a different approach).

After the keynote address, I decided to approach Mr. Snyder and do a follow-up. I asked him if Gateway had people who truly understand what it is that they've got and what could be done with it. I also told him a little bit about the Amiga community and how, if Gateway is to play their cards right, they could gain a small but significant army of their proponents. He didn't specifically say that yes, they did have people who understood, but his non-answer was more of an answer to me than if he gave me a direct response. He said, "Gateway could NOT let a technology like that die!" This is a direct quote from him to me!

So, from the above I gathered that even though the situation remains

unknown and no specific plans or decisions have been relayed, I really liked what this guy had to say, I liked the company he represents and I liked the approach he's taking toward the future. Considering all of the turmoil with ownership of Amiga since the day it was invented—at this point I'd have to say that Amiga's future has NEVER looked brighter! I'm officially very glad that Gateway2000 bought the Amiga Technologies. I'm very optimistic about their future plans and Amiga's future under them! From past experiences, I won't believe anything 100% until I SEE it, yet I remain, cautiously yet extremely optimistic.

Considering the name of the company, it's interesting that it matches Amiga community's sincere wishes to have some company be the GATEWAY to take Amiga into the year 2000 and beyond.

Thanks to the Gateway Amiga Club Inc. of St. Louis Mo. GAC FLAK for this timely report Ed.

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

There is a small change to the newsletter, as there will no longer be a D.O.M. for either the Ms-Dos or the Amiga computers, I will have to find something to take its place. There will be, I hope, a menu to print for the Zip disk, that will be for sale quarterly, I am unsure if an Amiga D.O.M Zip disk will be added.

Now would be a good time for some of the members to submit an article to help fill in the space vacated by the D.O.M's. It could be sent via E-Mail attachment to me here in Atlanta. Come on give it a try. My E-Mail address is [lbriggs1@aol.com](mailto:lbriggs1@aol.com)

# **GCC Directory**

## **Next Meeting**

May 21st. 1997 7:00pm

## **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

June 4th 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin

O'Fallon Illinois

## **Next Copy Session:**

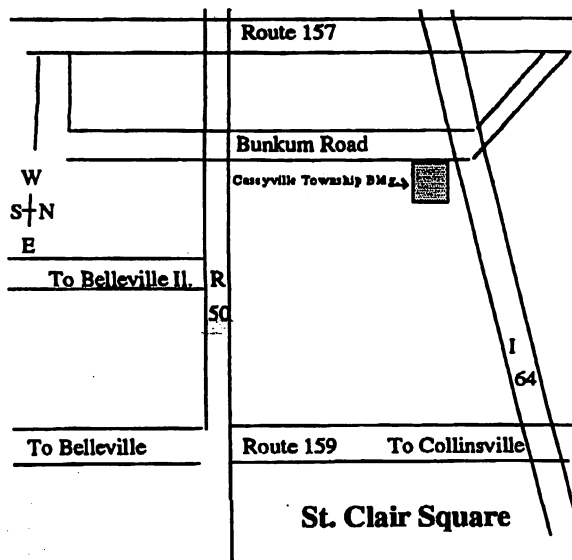
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At Meetings.**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Caseyville Township Hall, 10001 Bunkum Road in Fairview Heights, Illinois

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## **Bits & Chips**

**Gateway Computer Club  
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# Bits & Chips

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres....**

### JUNE DEMO

The Microsoft Office 97 demo last month went nicely. We gave a general overview of the Office programs included with Microsoft Office Professional and then looked at the improved WordArt capabilities of the new and improved Microsoft Word.

This month's demo on genealogy programs is going to be given by J.C. Spelce Jr. He reviewed his material with us at the board meeting and it looked like it was going to be a fun and interesting subject.

Jim Tomlinson is going to download some of the latest Shareware / Public Domain genealogy programs from the Web and put them on the GCC ZIP Disk #2. The disk will be available at the next meeting.

### FUTURE DEMOS

We reviewed possible subjects for our future demos at the last board meeting and we came up with a few ideas. The list includes: Birds, Photo Editing, Morphing, Office 97 Programs, Windows 95 Training Videos and How to build a computer from scratch. Think about these and see which ones sound good to you. We'll use your input to determine what our future demos will be. If you come up with something that is not on the list, let me know and we'll include it in the discussion at the meeting.

### ZIP DISK NEWS

The ZIP disks sold briskly at the last meeting and it seems like the switch from DOM's to ZIP disks is proceeding smoothly. Remember that you can upgrade your old ZIP disks to the newly updated ZIP disks at the meetings.

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

Last Month the Web Site Of The Month was a site that helped you pick out a new / used car.

This month the site of the month helps you pick the Dog or Cat that suits you best. The site is the Ralston Purina Site at WWW.PURINA.COM. I've been doing some work at Ralston and heard they had a Dog Breed selection Web Site, so I decided to check it out. I found that they do have a Dog selection database and they also have a list of Dog and Cat breeds that you can browse. If you have a pet Dog or Cat the site definitely has information that you'll enjoy.

### JOKES OF THE MONTH

1) A minor league umpire was getting used to being heckled by the fans, but he was really surprised at what he found while searching for a place to change clothes. He noticed a sign that said, "Dressing Room, Umpires Only." As he was about to go in and get ready, he examined the sign more closely and noticed that just below the printing on the sign, the message was reprinted in **Braille**...

2) Three married couples went to a local pastor to inquire if they could join his church. The preacher was pleased but insisted that they pass a test. "To show your sincerity", he told them, "you must practice abstinence for two weeks." Two weeks later the three couples returned to church. "Well, how did you do?" the pastor asked the first couple. "We've been married for 20 years," the man answered. "It was no problem." "Great. I'd like to welcome you to our church," the pastor said. He then turned to the second couple and asked how they had managed. "It wasn't easy," the woman said. "We've been married for only three years, so we had some difficult moments, but we didn't give in." "Wonderful," the pastor replied. "I'd like to welcome you to our church." He then turned and asked the last couple who were newlyweds. "I can't lie," the man said. "We were both doing fine until this morning at breakfast when she dropped her napkin on the floor. We both reached down to pick it up and our eyes met and we were so overcome with passion that we gave in right then and there." "I understand, my children," the pastor said, "but, I'm afraid I can't let you attend our church." "That's okay," the man replied. "We aren't allowed back in that diner anymore either..."

See you at the Meeting,

Mike

## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to President Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

Rates are as follows: Full page-\$15.00, Half page-\$7.50, Quarter page-\$3.75, and business card- \$10.00 for 6 Months.

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## Happy Birthday to

**Lester Germann 6/8**  
**John Hubbard 6/10**  
**Earl Salmons 6/12**  
**Ruth Shaw 6/9**  
**John Jordan 6/2**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **John Shih**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **Bob Clark, Everett Truttmann, and Lester Germann.**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **Joseph Whalen.**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **Betty Feigenbutz and Robert Riggs.**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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## And now for today's tip...

THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN MS-DOS When you choose Start|Programs|MS-DOS Prompt, DOS opens in a Windows 95 window, complete with borders and a toolbar across the top. (Note: If you don't see the toolbar, click the MS-DOS icon in the upper-left corner of the screen and select Toolbar.) If you prefer to work in the old-fashioned DOS view --nothing on screen but text and darkness --press Alt+Enter on your keyboard. You're still running DOS under Windows 95; it just doesn't look that way. If and when you want to return to the window view, press the same keyboard combo.

## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

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This is the update on the Treasurer's report, printed in the May Bits & Chips.

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By Pat Whalen

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**ANOTHER KILGUS INFOGRAM:**

What they said about computers:  
"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

-Thomas Watson  
Chairman of IBM, 1943

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

-Popular Mechanics, 1949

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and walked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year."

-Business Editor at Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what.....is it good for?"  
(referring to the microchip)  
-IBM engineer, 1968

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their

home."

-Ken Olson, President of Digital Equipment, 1977

"640K ought to be enough for anybody."

-Bill Gates, 1981

WHAT TREMENDOUS FORE-SIGHT THEY HAD!! NOW,  
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

**Zip Disk # 2 for the Gateway Computer Club**

**Fix-It** - Fix-It is a revolutionary new type of troubleshooting software that automatically finds and fixes the main cause of PC problems -- software conflicts and hardware configuration errors. Fix-It will save you the time, expense, and frustration of trying to reach technical support or solving problems yourself. This version of Fix-It will expire 30 days from the first time you run the program.

**Reunion** - Reunion is a genealogy software program -- a "family tree program." Reunion is available for Macintosh and for Windows, and has the highest rating for genealogy software by the following magazines: Computer Life, MacUser, MacWorld, and Mac Home Journal. Click here if you'd like to read some reviews.

Reunion helps you to document, store, and display genealogy information - names, dates, facts, plenty of notes, sources of information, and digitized pictures. It displays family relationships in an elegant, graphic form. Best of all, people and families are linked in an easy-to-understand fashion. Reunion automatically creates common genealogy reports, charts, and forms, as well as birthday calendars, mailing lists, questionnaires, indexes, and other lists. It even calculates relationships, ages, and life expectancies. Reunion also displays and prints large, high-resolution, graphic charts allowing complete editing of boxes, lines,

fonts, and colors. Wall charts are one of its specialties.

**Parents** - PARENTS is an application that was designed to help make collecting and organizing your genealogy easier. With the help of PARENTS, you will be able to more easily gather, store, and view information about all of your ancestors as well as your children and your children's children. PARENTS allows you to enter and store vital information such as names, birth, marriage, death dates and places and more. All of this information can then be easily organized and related together to form your family tree. You will also be able to print the detailed information about any one of your ancestors as well as print an immediate tree or entire ancestral tree.

**VirusScan** - VirusScan for Windows 95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and unknown viruses. Requires Windows 95. Version 3.0.2 (3004) 05-28-97

**PCOpus** - Not the fastest, but the most flexible filemanager around ! 72 internal commands, unlimited number of external commands, colors freely configurable, Win95 filetypes, support for ARJ, RAR, ZIP, LHA, D64, CAB files, intuitive userinterface (everybody loves the right doubleclick :-)), predefined colorschemes and more!

**WinTune** - A crippled version of a great System Analyzer, this will report overall computer speed and efficiency based on the Winstone benchmarks.

**ZTreeWin** - "ZTreeWin" is a text-mode file/directory manager for Windows 95 and NT. It has been developed as a native Win32 alternative to the DOS product, XTreeGold (tm), since its makers have ceased any further development. While I am sure you are well aware of the virtues of XTreeGold, you know the disadvantages of it being a 16-bit DOS pro-

gram. The author wrote ZTreeWin to provide all the functionality we are so accustomed to, while avoiding all the DOS imposed limitations. Given time and incentive, he intends to provide all missing functions, and will welcome suggestions from you the user.

**CloneMaster** - Have you ever deleted some files or documents by mistake? Is your hard drive clogged with identical files, or even files that don't contain any data? Clone Master will help you protect your data and regain hard drive space. Clone Master is especially useful to people who download often from the Internet.

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In addition, A full version of the latest Netscape Communicator and Microsoft Internet Explorer are here. I will announce the versions in the meeting.

## TOP TEN NEW COMPUTER LAWSUITS

What is it with these computer companies and their silly lawsuits? First you have Digital suing Intel, then Intel counter suing, and now Oracle and Informix mixing it up. Don't these guys have anything better to do? Apparently not, as our list of top ten new computer lawsuits indicates:

10. Larry Ellison **sues Bill Gates: unfair to have more money than me!**
9. Car thieves' union **sues HotWired: trademark infringement**
8. NetJet **sues ValuJet for ruining a perfectly good product name**
6. Bill Gates **sues Alfred E. Neuman impersonation EPA sues AOL for polluting landfills with all those damn floppies and CDs**
5. Intel **sues Motorola: "Oops, Pentium error!"**
4. Used Car Dealer Association **sues Packard Bell: "That was our idea!"**
3. Microsoft **files antitrust suit against U.S. government: "They run everything!"**
2. U.S. Milk Advisory Board **sues Gateway over new slogan: "Got computers?"**
1. Apple **sues itself; after all, whose fault is it?**  
Dick Koerper

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

There has been a big change in the format of the Bits & Chips newsletter.

With the demise of the Amiga and MsDos D.O.M.'s. They have been replaced by the Zip disk with just Dos programs. If you do not have a Zip drive, now is the time to do so.

The amount of programs that can be placed on a Zip disk is fantastic. Not so long ago a 100 meg drive was the norm, now we use hard drives in the gig range, and they sometimes seem too small. I have a 1.6gig's and it is almost full. My Zip drive comes in handy to store a lot of work, so it saves space on my hard drive.

### And now for today's tip...

**GIMME DETAILS** When you open Explorer and switch to Details view (select Details under the View menu), you'll see columns of information in the right pane. And the nice thing is, the arrangement of those details isn't carved in stone. You can sort by any column or change the width of any or all columns to get the details to look the way you want.

To sort information by a particular column, click its gray column heading once. Click it again to sort by that column, but in reverse order.

To change a column's width, hold the cursor over the black line to the right of the column's heading, and when it changes to a doublepointed arrow, click and drag left or right.

(Note: These same techniques work in a regular window in Details view.)

### And now for Another tip...

**SAME NAME, NEW GAME** Back in the days of Windows 3 X when you wanted to end a task, you pressed Ctrl+Esc to open the End Task dialog boo Now, pressing that keyboard combo simply opens the Start menu. To end a task in Windows 95, you need to press Ctrl+Alt+Del.

"What?!" you exclaim. "I have to reboot my system?" No, no, no. Pressing Ctrl+Alt+Del in Windows 95 opens the Close Program dialog box, the equivalent of Windows 3.x's End Task dialog. After pressing the combo, select the task you want to end (especially if it says "not responding" in parentheses next to its name) and click End Task.

So now the question is, if Ctrl+Alt+Del opens the Close Program dialog box how do you reboot? Simple. Just press the combo one more time.

### Telephone rings and a very young voice answers in a whisper "Hello"

"IS YOUR MOTHER THERE"  
"yes" (whispering all the time)  
"MAY I TALK TO HER?"  
"she's busy"  
"IS YOUR DADDY AT HOME?"  
"yes"  
"MAY I TALK TO HIM?" "he's busy too"  
"IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THERE?" "yes, a policeman"  
"COULD I TALK TO HIM, PLEASE"  
"he's busy too"

"I HEAR VOICES, WHO ELSE IS THERE?" "a fireman"  
"PLEASE LET ME TALK TO HIM;"  
"he's busy too"  
"WELL, WHAT ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE DOING?" "they're looking for me!"



## **GCC Directory**

### **Next Meeting**

June 18th. 1997 7:00pm

### **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

July 2nd. 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin

O'Fallon Illinois

### **Next Copy Session:**

At all regular meetings.

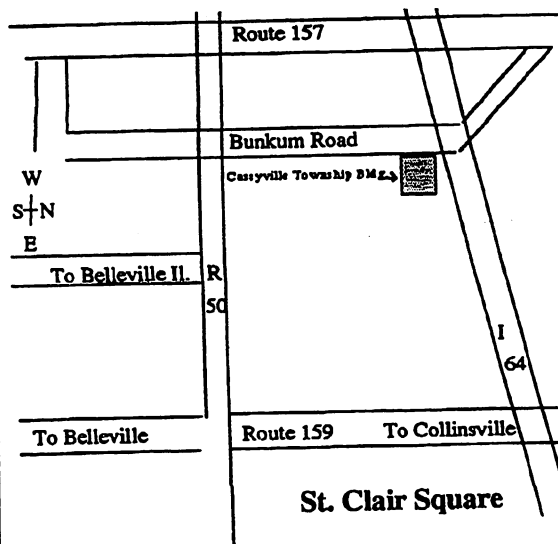
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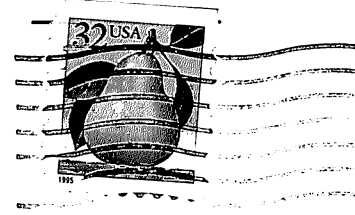
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*Check your dues date!*

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



### MANY THANKS TO J.C. SPELCE

Last month's demo on genealogy programs was given by J.C. Spelce Jr. He did a great job in explaining how to start the process of finding your ancestors and long lost relatives. He also showed how using genealogy software helps keep the information organized after you find it. I think everyone at the meeting learned something and I know I learned a lot of good tips on how to find some of my relatives. **THANKS J.C.**

### JULY DEMO

#### (AFRAID TO OPEN YOUR P.C.???)

If you're afraid to open your P.C., the next demonstration is for you.

At the June board meeting, John Jordan, asked if we would be interested in seeing a "Building a Computer From Scratch" demonstration at a future meeting. We told him that if he had a speaker, we would have the demo as soon as possible. He arranged to have Mr. Dan Pierson from A.C. Systems in O'Fallon come to the July meeting and build a computer for our demo. I've opened my case more than the average user, but I've never built a computer from scratch.

If you would like to learn about the inside of your computer and what makes it tick, come to the July meeting and put on your thinking caps.

Who knows, you may go home after the meeting and take a peek under the hood of your own machines...

I'll include Dan's business info in case anyone wants to call and arrange to have Dan build a machine for them:

A.C. Systems  
109 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 593  
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269  
(618) 632-1809

### AOL's NO ADVERTISING POLICY DIDN'T LAST LONG.

I just got a CD from my father-in-law that was the latest version of AOL. He found it on the side of his cereal box. I wasn't really that surprised. AOL has really started advertising again since they started to get their phone line problems solved. The CD also contains a game called Chex Quest. I'll put the CD in the Library in case anybody wants to check it out.

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

I use a lot of graphics programs for work and just for the fun of it. I use a program called Paint Shop Pro 4 a lot. I think an older version is on the GCC ZIP Disk #1 and I thought some of our members might like to get the latest version from the company that made it. If you are interested, go to [WWW.JASC.COM](http://WWW.JASC.COM) and download a full working demo of the latest release.

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

A guy named Bob stopped by his friend George's house and George's wife answers the door. She tells Bob that George isn't home and he should come in a wait for him to return. Bob waits for a while and then says "You know George tells me that you have a really nice chest. I'll give you \$100.00 if you show it to me." George's wife thinks about it for a while and then agrees. She lifts her shirt for a moment and Bob gives her \$100.00. Then Bob says "He also said you have a really nice Butt. I'll give you another \$100.00 if you show it to me." George's wife thinks about it for a while and then agrees. She pulls down her pants and moons Bob and he gives her another \$100.00. She then informs Bob that she is not willing to do anything further and that he should probably leave before George gets home. Bob leaves. Right after Bob leaves, George comes home. George's wife says "Honey your friend Bob stopped by to see you." George replies "Great! Did he give you the \$200.00 he owes me?"

See you at the Meeting,

Mike

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## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to President Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

Rates are as follows: Full page-\$15.00, Half page-\$7.50, Quarter page-\$3.75, and business card- \$10.00 for 6 Months.

Contents of the Bits & Chips may be reprinted by other club newsletters if accompanied by the author's name and credit is given to the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB. The G.C.C. assumes no liability for errors in articles or advertisements.

## Happy Birthday to

**Larry Briggs  
Roland Bockhorst  
Marshall Bush**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **Mark Farley.**

**THANKS AGAIN** for continuing their membership with us. **None**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **Marie Miller and Roland Bockhorst.**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **None**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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## And now for todays tip...

**MAKE YOUR WINDOWS BEHAVE**  
Don't like the arrangement of your open windows? Windows 95 can fix that. Right-mouse click the Taskbar on any blank area and choose from three window arranging options --Tile Horizontally, Tile Vertically or Cascade.

If you aren't happy with the arrangement you've selected, right-mouse click the Taskbar and choose Undo Tile (or Undo Cascade, as the case may be). You'll be right back where you started.

## Treasurer's Report

Pat Whalen

BALANCE JUN 1, 1997.....\$ 549.24

I REBATE ON ZIP DISKS.....\$ 0.00  
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS.....\$ 19.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 0.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 15.00  
E 50/50.....\$ 5.50

JUNE INCOME.....\$ 39.50

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X AMERICAN LEGION AD...\$ 0.00  
P NEWS LETTER.....\$ 20.35  
E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
N ZIP DISKS & CD CASES...\$ 0.00  
S CD CASES.....\$ 0.00  
E CHECKS.....\$ 5.75

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## HP TIPS FOR PRINTING FROM THE INTERNET

The following tips from HP may help users print higher quality pages from the web.

Use one of the more recent browser versions. These versions will include the latest enhancements for printing. An example is the print preview feature. Once you are in print preview, select the page number(s) of the web page you want to print.

For selective printing of small areas of text, highlight the text and click on edit and copy to bring it into your favorite text editor or word processor.

When the web page you're viewing has frames or multiple windows position and click the cursor in the window you want to print before giving the print command.

If a web page you're printing is truncating characters off the side of the page, try reducing the right margin of your browser, or reducing the font size used by the browser. You may reduce the right margin by clicking and pulling on the right edge of the browser on your screen. You can find the fonts under "Preferences" in Netscape Navigator and under "View" in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

### Microsoft-Comcast

Microsoft just sunk \$1 billion into the cable JV company, Comcast. Confused? Well, here's what's happening: all that cash is burning a hole in Microsoft's pocket. We know, because we just found out what's next on the software mega-corporation's buy list:

10. Sears: aluminum siding will make a nice complement to Windows.
9. The "Washington Post": sorry, Slate.
8. Weber Grills: new product line for Microsoft hardware division.
7. Boeing: hey, they're local.
6. General Motors: latest addition to Microsoft's Monster Truck Madness division.
5. Hong Kong: well, China won't know what to do with it.
4. Chicago Bulls: gotta one-up Paul.
3. Philip-Morris: oh, good—another product as addictive as Windows.
2. Al Gore: nerds for president!
1. Mercedes-Benz: Microsoft needs a product that doesn't take three minutes to start.

Dick Koerper

### Zip Disk # 2 for the Gateway Computer Club

By Jim Tomlinson

**Fix-It** - Fix-It is a revolutionary new type of troubleshooting software that automatically finds and fixes the main cause of PC problems—software conflicts and hardware configuration errors. Fix-It will save you the time, expense, and frustration of trying to reach technical support or solving problems yourself. This version of Fix-It will expire 30 days from the first time you run the program.

**Reunion** - Reunion is a genealogy software program—a "family tree program." Reunion is available for Macintosh and for Windows, and has the highest rating for genealogy software by the following magazines: Computer Life, MacUser, MacWorld, and Mac Home Journal. Click here if you'd like to read some reviews. Reunion helps you to document, store, and display genealogy information - names, dates, facts, plenty of notes, sources of information, and digitized pictures. It displays family relationships in an elegant, graphic form. Best of all, people and families are linked in an easy-to-understand fashion. Reunion automatically creates common genealogy reports, charts, and forms, as well as

birthday calendars, mailing lists, questionnaires, indexes, and other lists. It even calculates relationships, ages, and life expectancies. Reunion also displays and prints large, high-resolution, graphic charts allowing complete editing of boxes, lines, fonts, and colors. Wall charts are one of its specialties.

**Parents** - PARENTS is an application that was designed to help make collecting and organizing your genealogy easier. With the help of PARENTS, you will be able to more easily gather, store, and view

information about all of your ancestors as well as your children and your children's children. PARENTS allows you to enter and store vital information such as names, birth, marriage, death dates and places and more. All of this information can then be easily organized and related together to form your family tree. You will also be able to print the detailed information about any one of your ancestors as well as print an immediate tree or entire ancestral tree.

**VirusScan** - VirusScan for Windows 95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and unknown viruses. Requires Windows 95. Version 3.0.2 (3004) 05-28-97

**PCOpus** - Not the fastest, but the most flexible file manager around! 72 internal commands, unlimited number of external commands, colors freely configurable, Win95 filetypes, support for ARJ, RAR, ZIP, LHA, D64, CAB files, intuitive user interface (everybody loves the right doubleclick :-)), predefined colorschemes and more!

**WinTune** - A crippled version of a great System Analyzer, this will report overall computer speed and efficiency based on the Winstone benchmarks.

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**Search the Internet** - Search. From a single, simple user interface, you can run searches against the most popular Internet search engines. New search results. Automatically rerun your searches and receive notification when new or changed links occur. Organize your Bookmarks - File bookmarks into folders. File your bookmarks into folders that make sense to you. Add important bookmarks to Netscape Navigator's enhanced Bookmarks menu. Add smart information. Annotate your bookmarks and folders with smart information that becomes a part of your bookmark catalog. SmartMarks is the first Internet bookmark solution. It provides simple, user-friendly tools to use with your Netscape Navigator. Now you can track your favorite topics and share that information with colleagues and friends. It's never been so easy to get and share good information from the Internet.

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**WS-Ftp** - This application is a standard File Transfer Protocol (FTP) client application for Windows Sockets. The user interface for this FTP client is designed with the novice FTP user in mind. Usage should be obvious. For more information on FTP please refer to the many different NETNEWS groups or one of the recent books on the Internet. WS\_FTP32 is the 32 bit version of WS\_FTP for Windows NT, Windows 95 and Windows 3.x with Win32s.

**Tardis** - Tardis is a fully automated date-time keeper for anyone with an internet connection. If this is selected Tardis will listen for NTP servers

that broadcast a time signal. This is a very good way of keeping your network load low as many clients can be set at once. Tardis never has to request the time it just watches for it.

**SquareTower** - You have entered a giant tower. more than twenty-five stories high and thousands of feet to a side. No ordinary tower, it is in fact a temple to Orion the Hunter. It is rumored that within can be found an object of great value; what that is, the rumors do not say. Whatever it might be, Orion evidently decided to guard his prize possession well, as his undead minions still walk the stone corridors. They can sense any living presence (that means you) and attack without fear or thought for themselves. You have only your rusty... er, trusty sword and your wits to save you. Well, those plus a bunch of cool spells and a lot of speed.

**SoundBar** - Midisoft Sound Bar is the Windows® 95-style taskbar that adds sound to everything you do. Record great sound! Play it, add it to a document, or send it anywhere over your network or Internet e-mail.

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## Minutes of the General Meeting

June 18, 1997

By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

The meeting was opened by President Mike Taphorn at 7:05 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS:

All were present. Nine members and one guest attended the meeting. The guest was Mark Farley, who joined the club.

### BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

There were no objections to the financial report submitted by the Treasurer, Joseph Whalen (embodied in the Bits and Chips, June 1997).

President Mike Taphorn introduced Mark Farley and welcomed him to the club.

Mike announced that arrangements are being made with AC Computers of O'Fallon to build a computer at one of our near future general meetings of the club.

Ken Welker donated a wall mountable projection screen to the township building for the GCC use in presenting program demonstrations.

Carlos Mariles addressed the membership with a question as to how to get in touch with the three major television broadcast networks.

President Taphorn clarified the price of the ZIP disks as follows:  
Blank ZIP Disks: \$10.00  
New loaded ZIP Disks: \$15.00  
Update of ZIP Disks (while at the

meeting): \$2.00

JC Spelce presented a demonstration on Genealogy. The demonstration was very informative and well attended by the membership.

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

I have purchased the Snappy II digitizer, it is a fantastic piece of hardware, and with some very good software.

It is the easiest way to get pictures into PCs. it will grab sensational stills from any Camcorder, VCR, or TV and easily import them into your PC. Just plug Snappy into the printer port on the back of your desktop or laptop PC. Then connect any video source to Snappy with the included cable.

Watch your PC screen and when you see the picture you want, just press a button, and Snappy captures breathtaking images in 16.8 million colors at record breaking resolutions up to 1500x1125. It's perfect for thousands of uses from desktop publishing, presentations, database, faxing, and internet pictures, all the way to PC photo albums or school reports.

The package includes PhooDeluxe, Goo, Morph, and Hanes T-shirt Maker.

If you have only one parallel port, you will need a switch box so you can change from the printer to the Snappy without having to change cables each time for there use. A second parallel port is recommended, as it is not a good practice to switch from the Snappy to the printer with the power on.

I have made some very nice snapshot's from my VCR and Camcorder and printed the pictures on an HP Deskjet 870Cse and the results were outstanding.

# **GCC Directory**

## **Next Meeting**

July 16th. 1997 7:00pm

## **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

Aug. 6th. 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin  
O'Fallon Illinois

## **Next Copy Session:**

At all regular meetings.

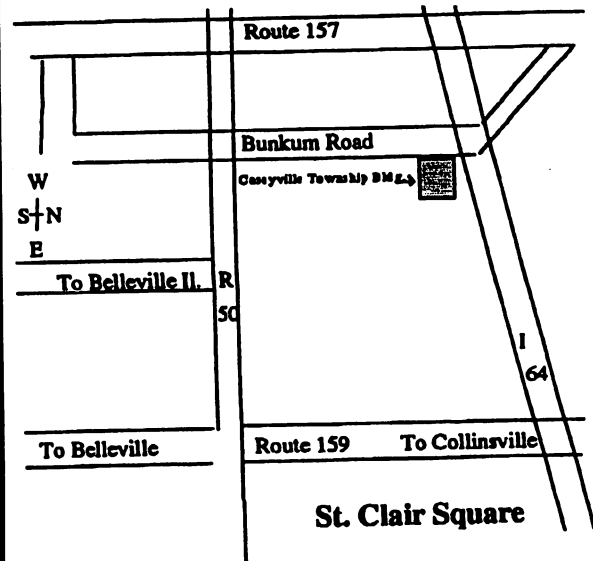
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**Gateway Computer Club**

**Mike Taphorn**

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*Check your dues date!*

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# Bits & Chips

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



Hello from the Pres...

### JULY DEMO REVIEW (OPEN YOUR P.C. LATELY???)

If you were afraid to open your P.C., the July demonstration by Dan Pierson should have helped you overcome your fears. Dan gave a great demonstration on every (And I mean every) piece of hardware hidden inside a typical computer. I've heard that at least one of our members is going down to talk to Dan about getting a new machine. I think that everyone at the July meeting would feel comfortable getting a machine from Dan. He proved that he knows how a computer works and how to build a reliable system.

I'll include Dan's business info again this month in case anyone lost last month's newsletter:

Mr. Dan Pierson  
A.C. Systems  
109 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 593  
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269  
(618) 632-1809

### AUGUST DEMO

I haven't done a demonstration for the last few month's and it feels great... This month Mr. Dick Koerper is going to give a demonstration of a 3D rendering package that he got for Christmas. He sent me a sample of what the program could do and it was impressive. I think he is using SIMPLY 3D by Micrografx. I gave him some advanced warning and he said that he would have enough time to put together a great demonstration with 3D animations and a whole lot more. OK so I made up the animations part, but I'm sure he'll put the program through it's paces and he won't end up with a tree in the way like I did when I did a 3D demo years ago...

### WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

If your computer monitor is getting a little dirty go to :

[WWW.Website1.com/squeegee](http://WWW.Website1.com/squeegee) to clean it up a little.

If you're really bored, go to: [WWW.Mackerel.com/bubble.html](http://WWW.Mackerel.com/bubble.html) and pop the bubble wrap for points.

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

A church minister tells his deacon that someone stole his bicycle and that he suspected that the thief was a member of his congregation. The minister decided to preach about the Ten Commandments at his masses hoping that when he got to the Commandment: Thou Shalt Not Steal, the thief would be shamed into returning the bicycle. The next Sunday, his topic was the Ten Commandments, but about halfway through his sermon, he abruptly switched his sermon to another subject. Later after mass, the deacon approached the minister and asked him why he changed his sermon halfway through his Homily. The minister replied, "Well, when I got to the commandment that says: Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery....

I remembered where I left my bicycle."

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

At the last board meeting, we were trying to decide how many more ZIP disks we needed to buy to support the future ZIP disks and we started to wonder how many of our members have ZIP drives and would be purchasing disks in the future. If you have a ZIP drive now we would like to know what types of programs you would like on the future ZIP disks. If you don't have a ZIP drive, what would you like to see the club do for future club disks / ZIP disks. We would like to make sure that everyone in the club is happy with the new method of software delivery that we adopted a few months ago. Let me or one of the board members know what you think at the next meeting. I know Jim filled up ZIP Disk # 2 and it will be available at the next meeting.

If anyone is interested, ZIP drives are available at every computer store for \$149.00 with one disk included.

See you at the Meeting,

Mike



## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville Il 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to President Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville Il 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

Rates are as follows: Full page-\$15.00, Half page-\$7.50, Quarter page-\$3.75, and business card- \$10.00 for 6 Months.

Contents of the Bits & Chips may be reprinted by other club newsletters if accompanied by the author's name and credit is given to the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB. The G.C.C. assumes no liability for errors in articles or advertisements.

## Happy Birthday to

**Inge Liggett 8/27  
and  
Ken Welker 8/24**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **Gerald Lewallen**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **Joseph Whalen and Mark Farley**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **None**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **Marie Miller and Roland Bockhorst.**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

## THE OFFICERS

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### And now for today's tip...

**DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN!**  
When you delete an item, Windows 95 doesn't really delete it. It tries to help out by sending the item to the Recycle Bin, assuming you might change your mind and want it back.  
Don't need this kind of help? Then override it. If you're absolutely sure you want to trash an item the first time around, hold down Shift as you press the Delete key. You'll get a message asking if you're sure-just click Yes and the item is gone for good.

## Treasurer's Report

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
By Pat Whalen

**BALANCE JUL 1, 1997..\$549.85**

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I REBATE ON ZIP DISKS..\$0.00  
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS....\$69.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$0.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$30.00  
E 50/50.....\$11.00  
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JULY INCOME.....\$110.00  
E  
X AMERICAN LEGION AD...\$0.00  
P NEWS LETTER.....\$22.04  
E POSTAGE.....\$19.20  
N ZIP DISKS & CD CASES.\$0.00  
E CD CASES.....\$0.00  
S CHECKS.....\$0.00  
JULY. EXPENSES.....\$41.24  
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CURRENT BALANCE.....\$618.61  
AS OF AUG 1, 1997

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## Zip Disk # 2 for the Gateway Computer Club

By Jim Tomlinson

**Fix-It** - Fix-It is a revolutionary new type of troubleshooting software that automatically finds and fixes the main cause of PC problems—software conflicts and hardware configuration errors. Fix-It will save you the time, expense, and frustration of trying to reach technical support or solving problems yourself. This version of Fix-It will expire 30 days from the first time you run the program.

**Reunion** - Reunion is a genealogy software program—a “family tree program.” Reunion is available for Macintosh and for Windows, and has the highest rating for genealogy software by the following magazines: Computer Life, MacUser, MacWorld, and Mac Home Journal. Click here if you'd like to read some reviews. Reunion helps you to document, store, and display genealogy information - names, dates, facts, plenty of notes, sources of information, and digitized pictures. It displays family relationships in an elegant, graphic form. Best of all, people and families are linked in an easy-to-understand fashion. Reunion automatically creates common genealogy reports, charts, and forms, as well as birthday calendars, mailing lists, questionnaires, indexes, and other lists. It even calculates relationships, ages, and life expectancies. Reunion also displays and prints large, high-resolution, graphic charts allowing complete editing of boxes, lines, fonts, and colors. Wall charts are one of its specialties.

**Parents** - PARENTS is an application that was designed to help make collecting and organizing your genealogy easier. With the help of PARENTS, you will be able to more easily gather, store, and view information about all of your ancestors as well as your children and your children's children. PARENTS allows you to enter and store vital information such as names, birth, marriage, death dates and places and more. All of this information can then be easily organized and related together to form your family tree. You will also be able to print the detailed information about any one of your ancestors as well as print an immediate tree or entire ancestor tree.

**VirusScan** - VirusScan for Windows 95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and unknown viruses. Requires Windows 95. Version 3.0.2 (3004) 05-28-97

**PCOpus** - Not the fastest, but the most flexible filemanager around! 72 internal commands, unlimited number of external commands, colors freely configurable, Win95 filetypes, support for ARJ, RAR, ZIP, LHA, D64, CAB files, intuitive userinterface (everybody loves the right doubleclick :-)), predefined color schemes

and more!

**WinTune** - A crippled version of a great System Analyzer, this will report overall computer speed and efficiency based on the Winstone benchmarks.

**ZTreeWin** - “ZTreeWin” is a text-mode file/directory manager for Windows 95 and NT. It has been developed as a native Win32 alternative to the DOS product, XTreeGold™, since its makers have ceased any further development. While I am sure you are well aware of the virtues of XTreeGold, you know the disadvantages of it being a 16-bit DOS program. The author wrote ZTreeWin to provide all the functionality we are so accustomed to, while avoiding all the DOS imposed limitations. Given time and incentive, he intends to provide all missing functions, and will welcome suggestions from you the user.

**CloneMaster** - Have you ever deleted some files or documents by mistake? Is your hard drive clogged with identical files, or even files that don't contain any data? Clone Master will help you protect your data and regain hard drive space. Clone Master is especially useful to people who download often from the Internet. Four things can happen with files.

1. You may have duplicate files everywhere on your hard drive, or even across drives. Sure, you can use the Windows “find/search” facility, but only if you know the exact file name. If you don't know the exact file name, then what good is the “find/search” facility? This is why Clone Master is the master of finding duplicate files. Many attempts have been made by other software developers to solve the problem of searching for duplicate files. These programs were predicated on the assumption that files of the same name were duplicates. This is not true and users quickly stop using such products simply because they do NOT properly locate duplicates.
2. You can have many files with the same name and size, all with different data in all of them. This does not make it safe to assume they are duplicates and therefore delete them. SoftByte Labs has developed the Clone Master as the perfect answer to this problem. Clone Master will locate only TRUE duplicate files. That is, files with the same contents regardless of their name, date, time, size and location. This way you can safely delete duplicates without worrying about it.
3. You may also have files with the same name. This could be confusing, not to mention dangerous, if they are not true duplicates. It is a mistake to assume files to be duplicates just because they have the same name and delete them based on that premise alone. Clone Master will display these files in a Tree-View window so you can rename them and stop the confusion.
4. Program generated files or temporary files do not hold any information until the program writes something in them. Should you accidentally restart Windows, your computer simply shuts down from a power failure, or the pro-

gram just locks up, then these files will remain on your system forever. That is until you manually delete them. Clone Master will take care of that for you. Clone Master will always show you what it finds for your editing convenience. All files that have been deleted are automatically sent to the recycle bin so they can be undeleted should you change your mind.

**File-Dog** - File Dog is an fully automated software program that lets you easily download files from the internet during off-peak hours. The fact is the internet is busy, and getting busier, and programs are getting bigger. That means if you want to download files you can expect busy servers and slow downloads. No More! With File Dog you just select the files you want, set a retrieval time, then forget it. File Dog wakes up in the middle of the night, retrieves the files you want, and keeps track of everything for you in its activity log. File Dog will fetch for you anytime you want - even while you are fast asleep! Don't tie up your phone line and internet connection trying to reach busy file servers, or waiting for slow downloads from overloaded servers. Set File Dog up to get your files at night. You benefit from reduced connection times, and you won't be wasting time. Heck, your internet connection isn't doing anything else at three in the morning; put it to work for you then. File Dog retrieves files from WWW pages or FTP servers. Just about every worthwhile download on the internet is available from one of these sources.

**WinWeather** - WinWeather is a shareware program that brings hourly weather reports and forecasts, satellite images (and WeatherCams!), and ski reports to your PC! With an Internet connection, you'll be able to get the latest weather and weather reports on cities all over the United States and around the world. No need to remember strange Internet addresses—if you can click a mouse, you can use WinWeather! WinWeather registered users will also receive FREE access to an unlimited, dedicated WinWeather weather data feed—no more waiting with millions of other Internet users to get weather data! WinWeather was called “absolutely charming” and given an A- by The Net Magazine. TUCOWS, The Ultimate Collection of Winsock Software, gave it 5 Stars! Tell us what you think!

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**SmartMarks** - Netscape SmartMarks is Web surfing for people with a life. SmartMarks keeps you up to date by letting you know what is new and what is changed. Whether changes occur to one of your existing bookmarks, or to your auto-

mated Internet searches, SmartMarks has it covered for you. Monitor your Bookmarks - Changes. With a mouse click, you can setup automatic notification for changes to existing bookmarks. New links. With a mouse click, you can setup automatic link monitoring within URLs.

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**ScreenSavers** - The Screensavers are just too numerous to mention.

**ZipLabel** - To start this program, double click on ZipPrint.Exe. When you select the Print button, the program will print the label to the default printer. This label should be printed on plain paper or cardstock. Fold the label so it fits into a Zip Disk Jewel Case.

**WS-Ftp** - This application is a standard File Transfer Protocol (FTP) client application for Windows Sockets. The user interface for this FTP client is designed with the novice FTP user in mind. Usage should be obvious. For more information on FTP please refer to the many different NETNEWS groups or one of the recent books on the Internet. WS\_FTP32 is the 32 bit version of WS\_FTP for Windows NT, Windows 95 and Windows 3.x with Win32s.

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By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

The meeting was opened by President Mike Taphorn at 7:05 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** All were present.

President Taphorn welcomed the 28 members and guests in attendance. Mike extended a hearty welcome to Larry Briggs, our Bits and Chips Editor, who visited us from Atlanta, Georgia.

### BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

There were no objections to the financial report submitted by the Treasurer (as contained in the Bits and Chips).

### CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18 1997 MEETING:

The prices for Zip disks reported in the June Minutes should have been:

Blank Zip Disks: **\$12.00 Please correct your records accordingly.**

New loaded Zip Disks: \$15.00

Update of Zip Disks (while at the meeting): \$2.00

Inge Liggett donated the "Franklin Day Planner" program to the club. It is available in the CD Library for use by the members.

The usual ordinary business session was shortened considerably to accommodate the demonstration ("Building a Computer") presented by Mr. Dan Pierson, AC Computers, at 109 East First Street, O'Fallon, Illinois (Phone: 618-632-

1809). The demonstration was of great interest to all. Please patronize AC Computers.

### TOP TEN NEW AMERICA ON-LINE TERMS OF SERVICE ADDITIONS

In light of the furor over AOL's recent plan to sell member phone numbers to telemarketers, AOL is reexamining its Terms of Service (TOS) agreements with its members. Here are the additions to the TOS that are under the most careful review:

10. Rule: all customers must wear pants while online
- 9 All email automatically cc'd to your ex-wife
8. Free ant farm (stocked!) with sign-up
7. Extra charge incurred for denying offers for AOL credit card
6. Instant Messages now read out loud to you in your choice of voice: Gilbert Gottfried or Phyllis Diller
- 5 New feature: all junk email automatically sent to your printer!
- 4 Special rates for bulk mailers!
3. Genetic gender verification now required in chat rooms
2. Steve Case will visit your house and personally apologize for busy signals

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

As some of you know, I drove up from Atlanta to visit with some of my old computer friends and to attend the computer club meeting. I wanted to see Mr. Dan Pierson from

A.C. Systems in O'Fallon build a computer.

I was very impressed with Dan as he assembled the computer, he explained everything he did in detail, even I could understand, and when he finished, the computer worked, not bad. I'm not saying I could build a computer, but I just might try some day, it looked so easy. After watching Dan's demo I would not hesitate to buy my next computer from him.

I am forced to continue to print the same D.O.M. until the next Zip disk is ready. I could eliminate the D.O.M. and cut the newsletter to 4 pages until the next disk is ready. The board can let me know what to do.

Now, I would like to have Dan Pierson come back another night and demonstrate to the members, how to reformat their hard drive. (It should be done at least once in a year, to get rid of all of the garbage left behind from deleting programs no longer needed), and then reinstall Windows95 from a CD Rom drive. As you know when the hard drive is formatted and is restarted with a emergency floppy disk, you do not have the driver for the CD Rom drive to work from. Many of our members have asked that question many times and have not been given an answer. Let's get Dan back and perhaps we can get an answer.

It would be nice if the club would have more demonstrations from Computer stores, software companies to put on demo's like the one by Dan Pierson. I know it is hard to get people to come in, but let's try.

# **GCC Directory**

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August 20th.. 1997 7:00pm

## **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

Sept. 3rd. 1997 7:00pm

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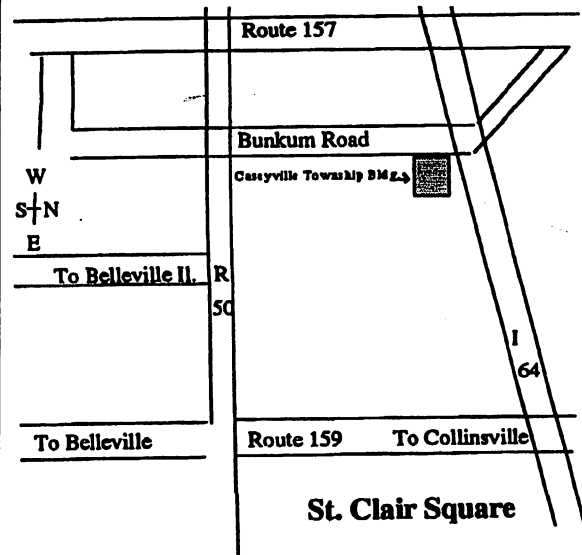
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# Bits & Chips

Of The Gateway Computer Club



Volume 14 Issue 9

September 1997

## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...**

### SEPTEMBER DEMO

Well, last month I bragged about not having to do a demo lately so it looks like I'm going to be giving the demonstration in September. I knew it was too good to last. Anyway, the demo at the September meeting is going to consist of a combination scanning / image manipulation demonstration. I'm going to bring in my scanner and my laptop and we'll scan in photos and see what some of the more popular software packages can do with the pictures once they are in the computer. I am also planning on bringing in a printer so we can print out the results of our image manipulation.

**Bring your favorite photos** and we'll scan them in and save them to disk so you can take them home after the meeting. We did this a long time ago using Larry Briggs scanner and I think everyone had fun seeing their photos on the computer screen.

### WEB SITE OF THE MONTH

If you would like to visit a site that has one of the most popular image manipulation packages... Point your browser at the Ziff Davis site: [WWW.Hotfiles.com](http://WWW.Hotfiles.com) and search for Paint Shop Pro 4.12 . This program recently won the PC Magazine Best Shareware Award. I think we have this program on one of the GCC Zip disks if you don't have enough patience to wait for the download...

### JOKES OF THE MONTH

Question: What is the difference between IBM and Jurassic Park?

Answer: One is a theme park full of ancient mechanical monsters that scare its customers;  
the other one is a movie...

Here are a few computer terms as interpreted by a farmer:

MODEM : What you do to the hayfields.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang your keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when it gets cold.

LOG ON: Making the Wood stove hotter.

HARD DRIVE: Getting home during mud season.

MICROCHIPS: What are left over after the bif chips are gone.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the pickup.

MEGAHERTZ: What you get when you're not careful downloading...

### ZIP DISK UPDATE

Jim Tomlinson informed me that he is currently working on the GCC ZIP DISK #3. He will have it partially full by the September meeting, and it should be available to the members then...

If anyone is interested, ZIP drives are still available at just about every computer store for \$149.00 with one disk.

### NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome all the new members and visitors we've had at the last few meetings. I don't want to make our regular members feel unwelcome. Actually, I want to thank all of our regular members and everyone else that is spreading the word and bringing in new people. By bringing in new people, everyone has helped the club maintain its membership at a good level and has also added some new and interesting personalities to the already eclectic (Look it up) mix that we enjoy. Please continue to give out the cards that we had printed and let me know if you need more. The more people we have the better our club will be.  
...THANKS

Spread the word...

See you at the Meeting,

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## Happy Birthday to

**James Tomlinson**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. **None**

THANKS AGAIN for continuing their membership with us. **None**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. **None**

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **None**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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## Wanted

Looking for a Power supply for a Commodore 1541 2 disk drive.

If anyone has one for sale or give away call, Farris Jackson at (618)-274-3937

## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen

BALANCE AUG 1, 1997.....\$ 618.61

I REBATE ON ZIP DISKS.....\$ 0.00  
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS.....\$ 4.00  
C BLANK DISKS 3.5.....\$ 0.00  
O BLANK DISKS 5.25.....\$ 0.00  
M MEMBERSHIP.....\$ 0.00  
E 50/50.....\$ 9.00

AUG. INCOME.....\$ 13.00

E  
X AMERICAN LEGION AD..\$ 0.00  
P NEWS LETTER.....\$ 22.04  
E POSTAGE.....\$ 12.80  
N ZIP DISKS & CD CASES.....\$ 0.00  
E CD CASES.....\$ 0.00  
S CHECKS.....\$ 0.00

AUG. EXPENSES.....\$ 34.84

CURRENT BALANCE.....\$ 596.77  
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## Zip disk #3 of the Gateway Computer Club

### GAMES

**Death Rally** - A death race! And you're road kill unless you can battle your way to the top ranking and beat the baddest of them all--the Adversary! The best top-down racing game on the PC has it all: 3D graphics, cool cars, weapons, voices, underground market, furious tracks, even Duke Nukem himself! Made by Remedy Ent. Supports modem/LAN/serial multiplayer games. Many, many options and cool features!

**Debris v2** arcade game by MVP Software. If you love classic arcade games such as Asteroids, you'll love Debris. Clear each wave of space debris by blasting it to bits with your ship's weapons. At the same time avoid colliding with asteroids while collecting bonuses and destroying enemy ships. Your mission is a thankless one, and if a pilot can't handle it, he dies alone. Do you have the right stuff?

**Katharsis** - A next-generation arcade shoot'em-up with spectacular hi-resolution SVGA graphics, 3D texture-mapped Phong-shaded ships, rendered and animated backgrounds, eye-popping fluid scrolling and freedom of movement, multiple real-time light sources, original game plot and intelligent enemies, including giant megabosses. Requires Pentium and SVGA.

**Sentinels of Ceth** - Sentinels of Ceth is an intensely fast-paced arcade style game. You are the Sentinel of Ceth. Your enemy, the Doltres race, wants to plunder the Ceth Temple and you are their only obstacle. Your task is to prevent the Doltres from stealing the 12 Gems of Ceth, the lifeblood of the temple. More destruction than you can shake a stick at.

**StarGunner** - Amazing shooter blows away Raptor! Never has the PC seen a more graphically explosive shooter. Fully rendered & animated enemies, with non-stop variety, plus complex bosses. Each mission, equip your ship with new engines, weapons & special power-ups. Triple-parallax scrolling, radical music, secrets, hot effects--Stargunner has it all! The new benchmark game for shooters!

**Tanks 95** - The latest version of "The methodical Destruction of Slowly Moving Vehicles", aka tanks. This is a Win95/NT network game.(IE it won't work on Win 3.11 or workgroups.)

**Vanguard ACE** - Imaginative Illusions is proud to present Vanguard Ace, vertical shooter blast fest for the PC. Features: 70 Frames Per Second smooth screen update. Multiple layer parallax scrolling. Rendered graphics. Mecha style sprites design and bosses. At least 30 fps per sprite. Multiple weapon levels for each ships. You can select from 5 different ships. (Full version). Over 1000 frames of animated sprites. Probably the 1st vertical shooter with such quality to scroll at such high frame rates.

**Xenophage** - A Killer Fighting Game! "...revolutionary game design, it may indeed knock fighting fans into another universe of apocalyptic action." A Strategy Plus. Visit [www.apogee1.com](http://www.apogee1.com) for screen shots. Supports 640x480 SVGA for awesome detail. Innovative panning/zooming arenas. Special moves, combos resurrections & humiliations. Rip flesh NOW! Great music & sounds. Created by Argo Games.

### TOOLS

**DirectX** - Sooner or later, all software will be using Microsoft's new graphics standard. So here it is, ready to install!

**McAfee** - VirusScan for Windows 95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and

unknown viruses. Requires Windows 95. Version 3.1.0 (3008) 08-21-97.

**More Space** - More Space Windows '95 Disk Utility - reclaim valuable disk space. Locates file duplicates, file hogs, old and obsolete files. Files can be immediately deleted or automatically sent to the recycle bin. Compare file duplicates on a split screen. Plenty of new 3D statistics including file ages, sizes, averages, access times, etc.

**WinZip 6.3 Beta** - Have you ever used the Internet or CompuServe? If so, you've probably encountered ZIP files. Are you a Windows user? If so, WinZip is THE way to handle these archived files. WinZip brings the convenience of Windows to the use of Zip files and other compression formats. Windows 95, NT, and Windows 3.1 versions are shipped on the same disk. WinZip features include: Windows 95 support: WinZip includes long filename support and tight integration with the Windows 95 shell. Drag and drop to or from the Explorer, or zip and unzip without leaving the Explorer. Internet support: WinZip features built-in support for popular Internet file formats: TAR, gzip, Unix compress, UUEncode, XXencode, BinHex, and MIME. ARJ, LZH, and ARC files are supported via external programs. You can use WinZip to access almost all the files you download from the Internet. In addition, the freely downloadable WinZip Internet Browser Support Add-On lets you download and open archives with one click using Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator. WinZip interfaces to most virus scanners.

### WEB

**Internet Explorer 4.0 Beta 2** - After much ballyho, here it is. Have you held a "virtual meeting" on the Web yet? NetMeeting gives you all the tools you need to communicate and collaborate with others. It lets you hold voice and video conferences, share software



applications chat, and share a white-board. The Internet Explorer Administration Kit includes all the tools your business or corporation needs to deploy Microsoft Internet Explorer company-wide. The kit also lets you customize Internet Explorer to best meet your needs.

Broadcast a show or other presentation across the Internet, or tune in to someone else's show, with Microsoft NetShow. NetShow 2.0 enables you to stream multimedia across the Internet and intranets without eating up a lot of network bandwidth. Publish and serve your own Web pages with ease using Microsoft's Personal Web Server. Available for both Windows 95 and Macintosh. Outlook Express is the e-mail and newsgroup program built into Internet Explorer 4.0. It's easy to set up and use—even if you're now running a different e-mail program—and it brings the fun and energy of the Internet into your inbox. Internet Mail and News is an easy-to-use, fast e-mail program that is fully integrated into Internet Explorer 3.0. It lets you send and receive e-mail and newsgroup messages all over the world, and offers the latest technologies for finding people on the Internet. Microsoft Chat, formerly called Comic Chat, is a new kind of chat program that combines conventional text-based chat with unconventional graphic features. Microsoft Chat offers countless ways for you to communicate, share ideas, and have fun as you reach out and meet new friends.

**Netscape Communicator 4.02** - The latest release.

**Net Vampire** - This program is a fully automatic FTP and HTTP file downloader. It will start at the time you specified and make as many attempts to download the file as you tell it. Net Vampire resumes broken connections and restarts download at current position for both FTP and Web servers. To start file retrieval, just drag-and-drop a URL from your browser! However, this is not just another download scheduler. Specially designed to deal successfully with noisy servers and unreliable links, full of low-level code, Net

Vampire provides high stability and does the job when other programs fail. Full status info, including a unique histogram display, detailed log and many configurable options allow to fine-tune the program and retrieve virtually every file on the Net.

**PointCast** - PointCast is the Internet news network that appears instantly on your computer screen. Gone are the days of surfing the net for the news and information important to you. The Internet is brought to you. That's a first. That's why C/NET honored the PointCast Network with the "Best Internet Application" award. Headlines move dynamically across the screen, the colors pop and all you have to do is keep your eyes open. Effortless. No surfing required. PointCast broadcasts national and international news, stock information, industry updates, weather from around the globe, sports scores and more from sources like CNN, CNNfn, Time, People and Money Magazines, Reuters, PR Newswire, BusinessWire, Sportsticker and Accuweather! Even your local newspaper will be on PointCast--LA Times, New York Times, Boston Globe, San Jose Mercury News and more. Advertiser supported, the PointCast Network is completely FREE. No subscriptions. No purchase price. Just download and cruise. PointCast is completely customizable. Interested in news in your particular industry? How about your own personalized stock ticker. Receive just the news and information you care about. Or the weather in Cleveland, Santa Fe and New York. Maybe Rio or Rome. What do you want to know? PointCast hands it all to you on a rain-bow platter.

## SCSI and IDE

By Jim Tomlinson

Many of the members of the club have expressed confusion on the differences and likenesses between SCSI and IDE. To this end, I have gathered the facts from the World Wide Web. Among the sites I visited in gathering

this information are Novell's [www.novell.com](http://www.novell.com) and a site called [whatis.com](http://whatis.com). I attempted to quote verbatim the text given there, and as such is the property of the authors from those sites.

SCSI (pronounced "scuzzy") is a standard interface (approved by ANSI) for attaching a variety of peripheral devices to computers. Typically, a SCSI controller comes with or is added to a computer as an adapter card. A SCSI controller can handle up to 7 devices of various types (for example, CD-ROMs, tape backup devices, and scanners). Devices are arranged as a chain from a single interface and input/output for these devices is interleaved by the controller and the operating system. The following varieties of SCSI are currently implemented:

SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and supports data rates of 4 MBps

Fast SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and supports data rates of 10 MBps.

Ultra SCSI: Uses an 8-bit bus, and supports data rates of 20 MBps.

Fast Wide SCSI: Uses a 16-bit bus and supports data rates of 20 MBps.

Ultra Wide SCSI: Uses a 16-bit bus and supports data rates of 40 MBps. Also called SCSI-3.

Enhanced (sometimes "Expanded") IDE is a standard electronic interface between your computer and its mass storage drives. EIDE's enhancements to Integrated Drive Electronics (IDE) make it possible to address a hard disk larger than 528 Mbytes. EIDE also provides faster access to the hard drive, support for Direct Memory Access (DMA), and support for additional drives, including CD-ROM and tape devices through the AT Attachment Packet Interface (ATAPI). When updating your computer with a larger hard drive (or other drives), an EIDE "controller" can be added to your computer in one of its card slots.

The original IDE interface supports data transfer rates of about 3.3 MBps

Enhanced IDE (EIDE), supports data transfer rates of about 12 Mbps.

Also called ATA-2 or Fast IDE or Fast-ATA

ATA-3: Also known as Ultra ATA, supports data transfer rates of 33 MBps.

Many PCs come with IDE disk systems. Although they are usually cheaper than SCSI based machines, they can be a drag on the whole system performance. IDE systems require the CPU to do most of the work. For example, an IDE command might be "get byte 3 from track 6" and the CPU has to wait for the controller to get this byte. SCSI, on the other hand, is command driven. So a SCSI command might be "get sector 123 and interrupt me when you've got it". In this case, the CPU will be able to do other tasks while the disk system performs the command.

SCSI has yet another unique function that is unmatched by Enhanced IDE, i.e. one can connect disks, printers, scanners, MO disks, stackers, and tape drives to a single SCSI adapter. Using Enhanced IDE devices different adapters are needed for multiple peripherals. An IDE adapter can connect two devices, one master and one slave. Only one of the two can be busy at one time. Remember the single tasking function of IDE? Two requests to those two drives must be completed sequentially!

The bottom line is if you have an IDE or EIDE controller and have both your hard drive and your CDROM hooked to the same controller, buy another controller! Have the faster controller run your hard drive (if the controller is attached directly to your motherboard and you have a fairly new motherboard, attach the hard drive to it) and the slower one for the CDROM drive. Also take note that newer motherboards often include two EIDE controllers, making this task easier.

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

I would like to remind any member that is paying their dues for another year to be sure to fill

out an application so that I will have the update on your system, Home and your E-Mail address. These applications will be mailed to me here in Atlanta so I can keep the membership list current. Thank you.

I have been working with a new program I just purchased, called Talk To Plus, by Dragon Systems. This is a program that lets you talk to the computer to have it perform tasks that you would ordinarily accomplish by using the Mouse or the keyboard.

First, you have to plug your microphone into the sound card, load the Talk To program and activate all of the commands to have the computer recognize your voice, as no two voices are the same. There are a number of computer programs that this program will recognize, I counted 25 from the manual. I am sure it will work with others. I worked in Microsoft Word and it worked fine. There are 33 commands in Word will for example, save, align center, left, and right, justify, check spelling, cut, paste and print your document to name a few. There is a slight delay for the computer to find the command and activate the command.

It was almost like HAL in the movie 2001, only this HAL did not talk back to me. Perhaps some day!

## Minutes of the General Meeting –

August 20, 1997  
By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

## BOARD MEMBERS:

All of the board members were present.

President Taphorn welcomed the 15 members and 2 guests in attendance. The guests were: Darlene Farrar and Farris Odie.

## BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

There were no objections to the financial report submitted by the Treasurer (as contained in the Bits and Chips).

Mike presented a quick review of the new computer publications.

Carlos Mariles stated that in the event the club were to hold an auction, the bidding should start at "no less than prices." Mike asked for a show of hands by members to declare their interest in an auction. There were no hands raised.

Prompted by a guest, Mike explained the term "shareware".

Mike then announced the demonstration of the 3-D portion of Graphic Suite.

Dick Koerper presented the demonstration at 7:45 p.m.

## DROP IN ON YOUR START MENU

Need to add an application to your Start menu? You could right-mouse click Start, choose Open, and then click and drag the application icon into the Start Menu window, but there's an easier way. From an Explorer or My Computer window, drag and drop the application's .EXE file on the Start button and let go (Or, drag and drop an application on the Start menu.) Click Start, and there's your new shortcut!

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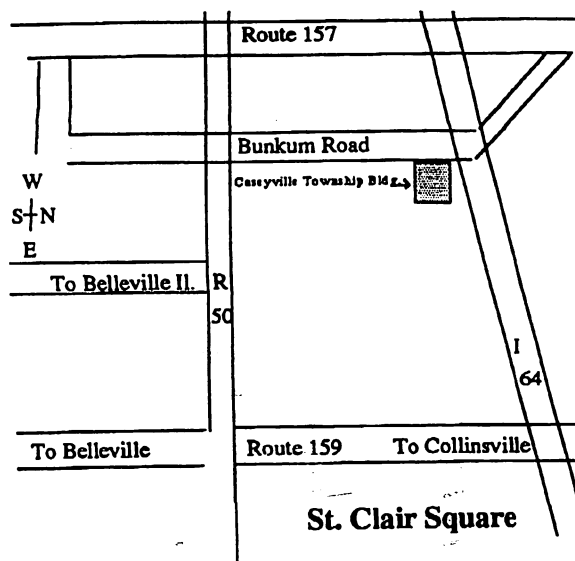
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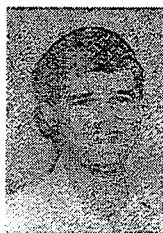
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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from me to you...**

### SEPTEMBER DEMO

Last month's demo turned out pretty well... We scanned some photos, touched them up a little and then printed them out on the color printer. I'll admit that the printouts aren't as good as a photo, but the new printers are getting pretty close and with the right paper I think they do a pretty good job. If anybody brought photos and we didn't get them scanned in at the meeting, please bring them to the October meeting and I'll take them home, scan them and then I can either E-Mail the electronic versions or put them on disks and bring them to the November meeting. Either way I'll make sure the original photos are returned as soon as possible.

### OCTOBER MEETING

It doesn't seem like it should be October yet, but, I guess time marches on. I've gotten some feedback lately from some of our members that helped determine the subject of our October demonstration. I would like to have a help / copy session that includes any software that we have in the club library or other software that the members want to bring to the meeting. We have three ZIP disks full of software and I would like to

make sure that everyone who wants copies of the software has had a chance to get it, even if they do not have a ZIP drive. So, I would like everyone with a portable computer (including myself) and / or a ZIP drive to bring your equipment to the October meeting so we can review any of the software in the club library and make copies for the members who need help or would like software.

### SHOW OFF YOUR STUFF

I want to get the club members into the habit of bringing their hardware / software to the meetings like in the old days. If you get a new piece of hardware or software that you like, or think other members would like, please, please, please (is that enough) bring it to the meetings and show everyone OR let me know if you can demonstrate your new toy at a future meeting.

### ZIP DISK UPDATE

Zip Disk # 3 is full.

See the October Meeting info...

If anyone is interested, ZIP drives are available at just about every computer store for \$149.00 with one disk. Sometimes less by mail-order.

### NEW MEMBERS

I again would like to welcome all the new members and visitors we've recently added to the clubs membership. Remember, it's your club and the more people we have in our club, the better it will be. ...

Spread the word...

### NOMINATIONS

I try not to make the club too formal, but since Carlos started coming to the meetings again, I have this urge (Carlos' yelling) to do the right thing and start following some of the rules. If I remember correctly, we are supposed to have elections in November. If we are going to have elections, we need to know who is interested in each of the Board member positions and if we can find any new suckers, I mean volunteers, who would like to help the club and run for office. Actually being a board member is not really that difficult and I hope that anyone out there that is thinking about running will step up to the plate and take a swing at it. We'll have nominations for each of the positions listed on Page 2 under the "THE OFFICERS" heading.

### TEENAGER'S QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Those who think they know everything are annoying to those of us who do...

See you at the Meeting,

Mike

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**I hope you like it... Editor.**

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### WEB

**Internet Explorer 4.0 Beta 2** - After much ballyho, here it is. Have you held a "virtual meeting" on the Web yet? NetMeeting gives you all the tools you need to communicate and collaborate with others. It lets you hold voice and video conferences, share software

formerly called Comic Chat, is a new kind of chat program that combines conventional text-based chat with unconventional graphic features. Microsoft Chat offers countless ways for you to communicate, share ideas, and have fun as you reach out and meet new friends.

**Netscape Communicator 4.02** - The latest release.

**Net Vampire** - This program is a fully automatic FTP and HTTP file downloader. It will start at the time you specified and make as many attempts to download the file as you tell it. Net Vampire resumes broken connections and restarts download at current position for both FTP and Web servers. To start file retrieval, just drag-and-drop a URL from your browser! However, this is not just another download scheduler. Specially designed to deal successfully with noisy servers and unreliable links, full of low-level code, Net Vampire provides high stability and does the job when other programs fail. Full status info, including a unique histogram display, detailed log and many configurable options allow to fine-tune the program and retrieve virtually every file on the Net.

**PointCast** - PointCast is the Internet news network that appears instantly on your computer screen. Gone are the days of surfing the net for the news and information important to you. The Internet is brought to you. That's a first. That's why C/NET honored the PointCast Network with the "Best Internet Application" award. Headlines move dynamically across the screen, the colors pop and all you have to do is keep your eyes open. Effortless. No surfing required. PointCast broadcasts national and international news, stock information, industry updates, weather from around the globe, sports scores and more from sources like CNN, CNNfn, Time, People and Money Magazines, Reuters, PR Newswire, BusinessWire, Sportsticker and Accuweather! Even your local newspaper will be on PointCast--LA Times, New York Times, Boston Globe, San Jose Mercury News and more. Advertiser supported, the PointCast Network is completely FREE. No subscriptions. No purchase price. Just download and cruise. PointCast is completely customizable. Interesse in news in your particular industry? How about your own personalized stock ticker. Receive just the news and information you care about. Or the weather in Cleveland, Santa Fe and New York. Maybe Rio or Rome.

What do you want to know? PointCast hands it all to you on a rainbow platter.

## GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

Minutes of the General Meeting - September 17, 1997

By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

President Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** All were present.

President Taphorn welcomed the 11 members and 4 guests in attendance. The guests were Darlene Farrar, John Ratermann, Frank Hellige, and John Dalhouse.

### BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

There were no objections to the financial report submitted by the Treasurer (as contained in the Bits and Chips).

Mike presented an update of the disk library and a review of the of the mail and computer publications.

It was announced that there will be a computer hardware display/sale at the Belle Clair Fairgrounds on November 22 and 23. The entry fee is \$12.00/person. The program at Belle Clair is similar to the one to be held at St. Charles, Missouri.

Mike announced that two separate companies have made job offers for qualified people to furnish tech support to customers. He urged those interested to look at the announcements and apply to the companies involved.

Zip Disk #3 is now full and available for sale.

Two problems were discussed; Ruth Shaw presented a problem that

she was having in connecting to AOL between the hours 2:30 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. and Wallace Maier presented a problem wherein his computer is defaulting to a program that he deleted. Both people were given a solution to their problems.

Earl Salmons won the 50-50.

Mike presented the scanner demonstration at 7:45 p.m.

## TOP TEN REASONS WHY WINDOWS 98 WAS DELAYED

Richard Koerper

Extra time to code the Windows 3.1 upgrade path? Yeah, right. Here are the real reasons Windows 98 was delayed:

10. It's a leap year
9. All the programmers are busy working on The House
8. Want to coincide Windows 98 marketing efforts with the '98 Olympics
7. The compiler crashed, had to restart it
6. Not enough paper on hand to print the companion-book, "Windows 98 patches and Fixes"
5. "If we just wait until 2000, we won't have to worry about the millennium bug at all..."
4. Need to erase all the Norton antivirus code that's still in there
3. Not enough disk space on CD-ROMs--need to wait for DVD technology
2. Just discovered Netscape Communicator 4.0 runs perfectly--need time to correct that
1. "Windows 99" just sounds cooler

## Editors View

by Larry Briggs

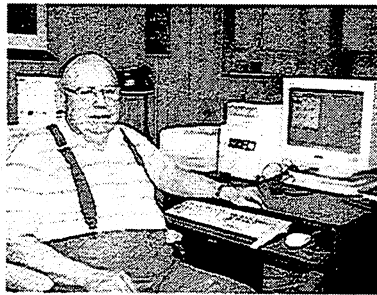
A year has past since I moved to Atlanta Ga. I elected to continue to publish the Bits & Chips for the club here in Atlanta. I was not sure how it was going to work, but it has been a piece of cake. All of the contributors, Mike Taphorn, Pat Whalen, Jim Tomlinson, Hank Kilgus, Richard Koerper and Ken Welker have done a remarkable job to get their articles to me via AOL e-mail on time, so I could mail the newsletter to the members before the monthly meetings. Without their help I would have been dead in the water. Thanks fellows.

In last months newsletter, I reported that I was using a program to talk to the computer to give it commands to perform tasks. I was so happy with the way it worked, I went out and purchased a program named Via Voice by IBM that will let me dictate into a word processor. I am not using it for this report as I am in the midst of adding a 3.1 GB hard drive to replace the 350 meg "D" drive that is full, as well as the 1.6 GB, "C" drive. These large programs and graphic files take up a lot of space on your hard drive. I will attempt to compile next months report using it. I'll let you know how it works.

Sorry, I did not get to use Via Voice to dictate this article. I wanted to reformat drive "C" and in doing so, lost the Via Voice program, and the time is too short to reinstall it and train the program to recognize my voice. I will attempt to get it done for next months newsletter. It takes a lot of time to get the program working right.

Being as I do not have a wife to spend my money on. I bought a Sony Digital camera. It is a Mavica MVC-FD7. It records the pictures on a 3 1/2 inch floppy disk that you can put in your computer and use, very handy. The instructions tells me I can take 500 photo's on one battery charge. That I will have to prove, as I was born in Missouri, I have to be shown.

Below is one of my first pictures with the camera.



The camera will take color, black and white, Sepia and negative pictures in 640x480 jpeg images, about 15 to 20 Pictures to a floppy. So, If I go on vacation all I will need is a pocket full of disks, and all I have to be concerned with is a place to recharge the battery.

The camera is a little on the expensive side, but I will not ever have to buy film for it.

And now for today's tip...

### **THIS MENU SETTING IS JUST RIGHT**

Want to change how fast Windows 95 displays a submenu--a menu that pops out when you select a menu item with an arrow next to it? (An example is the menu that pops out when you select Start and then Programs.) There are two ways to go about it. One

is to simply adjust this setting using Tweak UI, one of the free Windows 95 Power Toys. (To obtain this utility, as well as the remaining Power Toys, point your web browser to

[http://www.pcworld.com/cgi-bin/database/file\\_body.pl?ID=3889](http://www.pcworld.com/cgi-bin/database/file_body.pl?ID=3889)

and follow the download Instructions.) If you don't have Tweak UI, you'll need to edit the Registry.

Assuming you have Tweak UI, open the Control Panel and double-click on the Tweak UI icon. On the Mouse tab, adjust the menu speed to your liking. To test the setting, right-mouse click on the test icon and select an item in the menu. Make an adjustment, if need be, and test it again. When the setting feels just right, click on OK

If you don't have Tweak UI, you'll need to venture into the Registry to adjust this setting. (As always, back it up before making any change.) Open the Registry Editor and navigate your way to,

**HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Control Panel\Desktop.**

Right-mouse click anywhere in the right pane, choose New, and then select String Value. Name the new value MenuShowDelay. Right-mouse click on the new value, select Modify, and in the Edit string dialog box, enter a number to indicate the delay in milliseconds. (The default is 400, or almost a half-second delay.) Click on OK, close the Registry Editor, and restart Windows 95 to make your change stick.



# GCC Directory

## Next Meeting

October 15th. 1997 7:00pm

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Nov. 5th.. 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin

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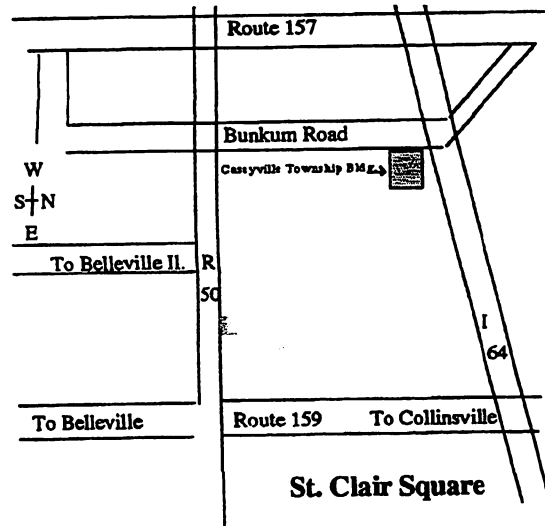
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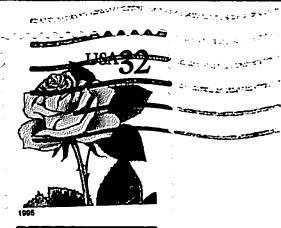
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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn



**Hello from the Pres...**

### **FREE STUFF AT THE MEETINGS**

We decided that we would add more prizes to the 50/50 drawing that we have at the meetings. CompUSA and Computer City have promotional items that are basically free after the rebates. I've seen everything from \$1.00 mouse pads to \$30.00 cases and track balls. We'll try to have about \$50.00 worth of merchandise at each meeting if possible. We'll draw numbers and the winners will get to choose either a prize or the cash. We'll keep drawing till everything is gone. Good Luck!!!

### **NOVEMBER MEETING DEMO**

This month, our Vice President, Jim Tomlinson, is going to give a demonstration of Netscape Navigator and local Internet providers. He'll show everyone how our local Internet providers compare to some of the larger online services. The latest Netscape software is available on the revised GCC ZIP DISK #3. See Jim if you have any questions or if you want to upgrade your old ZIP disk to the latest software.

### **CHRISTMAS ALERT**

The Christmas Party is going to require a little coordination and I just wanted to give everyone a little time to think about what we want to have for food at the party. As usual the club will purchase the meat and soda and we'll have a sign up sheet for the remaining potluck items that the members bring. We always have a lot of great food at the party and I'm sure we'll have another great party this year if the weather cooperates. Please invite your spouses / families and put December 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendars now so you don't miss the food & fun.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Last meeting we had quite a few new members sign up and our roster continues to grow. I'd like to personally welcome the new members and encourage the old timers to do the same... WELCOME...

Keep spreading the word, it's working...

### **NOMINATIONS**

We had nominations at the October meeting and we are still in need of someone interested in the Secretary position. We tried to force Wally into the position, but something tells me (Namely Wally) that he may not exactly be excited about the idea of becoming secretary. If only we had a retired secretary or school teacher in the club that was interested in running.....hmmm...

### **PRINTER CABLE / PRICES**

I recently helped a friend purchase a new printer at Best Buy. After selecting the printer nice young salesperson went and got the printer cable that was recommended by the printer manufacturers. The six-foot printer cable had a price tag of \$26.99. I questioned the cost of the cable, but we were assured that the newer printers required the new IEEE 1284 cables for faster performance. We didn't really have a choice and purchased the cable. I couldn't believe that the cables were so expensive. I checked around and found that SAM's has IEEE 1284 printer cables for \$9.00 - \$10.00. So the moral of the story is, shop around and keep your eyes open. I've been looking for some games and I've found prices that ranged from \$30.00 to \$60.00 for the same game at different retail stores. Be careful Christmas shoppers....

### **ZIP / JAZ DRIVE UPDATE**

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Broadcast a show or other presentation across the Internet, or tune in to someone else's show, with Microsoft NetShow. NetShow 2.0 enables you to stream multimedia across the Internet and intranets without eating up a lot of network bandwidth. Publish and serve your own Web pages with ease using Microsoft's Personal Web Server. Available for both Windows 95 and Macintosh. Outlook Express is the e-mail and newsgroup program built into Internet Explorer 4.0. It's easy to set up and use—even if you're now running a different e-mail program—and it brings the fun and energy of the Internet into your inbox. Internet Mail and News is an easy-to-use, fast e-mail program that is fully integrated into Internet Explorer 3.0. It lets you send and receive e-mail and newsgroup messages all over the world, and offers the latest technologies for finding people on the Internet. Microsoft Chat, formerly called Comic Chat, is a new kind of chat program that combines conventional text-based chat with unconventional graphic features. Microsoft Chat offers countless ways for you to communicate, share ideas, and have fun as you reach out and meet new friends.

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### And now for today's tip... FONT SHOW

If you want to view all the fonts on your system, what do you do? Open the Fonts folder, select the one you want to preview, and then view it on screen or print it? Well, stop all that busy work. There's an easy way to view all of your fonts at once. A freeware program called ShowFonts allows you to print a complete list of system fonts, samples included, so you don't have to load and print each one separately. <http://hem.passagen.se/nmw/program/showfonts/showfonts.htm>

After downloading SHOW-FONTS.ZIP from the above address, open it with an unzipping utility, then double-click on SHOW-FONTS.EXE. Inside ShowFonts, select any font in the list to see a preview, or select Print under the File menu for a handy reference list.

### And now for another tip...

#### THE DISAPPEARING ICON ACT

Need to move an item (file or folder) from one place to another? You could click and drag its icon from the first location to the second, but that means you have to be able to see both locations on-screen at once. If you can't, and don't want to bother resizing windows so that you can, try a simple cut-and-paste operation.

Right-mouse click on the item you want to relocate and select Cut. (If you're moving more than one item, select them

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all first, then right-mouse click on the selection and choose the same command.) Its icon will fade. Switch to the location where you'd like to paste the selected item, right-mouse click on it (either directly on the folder where you want it or on a blank location of that folder's open window or the desktop), and select Paste.

(Tip-in-a-tip: Yet another option for moving or copying files is clicking and dragging them from one pane to another in Windows Explorer. Use the method that works best for you.)

## EDITOR'S VIEW

By Larry Briggs

Last month I told you that I would dictate this article using ViaVoice by IBM. The only time I would be using the keyboard, or mouse, will be to make corrections.

There is one glitch in this program. It is designed for a computer with an processor of 166 MHz or faster, my computer has a 133 MHz so, there is a second or two before the text appears on the screen, that makes it disconcerting, therefor, I do not look at the screen, a minor glitch. However, those of you that have a slower computer then 133MHz, would not be satisfied with the performance using this program. One more thing, the room must be quiet, no radio or TV. The microphone picks up the voices from these sources and tries to add them to your script.

I will continue to use this program because the more it is used, the better it will perform, as voice recognition will become better.

## ANOTHER KILGUS INFOGRAM:

By Hank Kilgus

Have you wanted to know how your PC manufacturer ranks with others in reliability and tech-support after the sale? Just in case you did, here are the rankings. Consider both reliability and follow-on tech-support before your next purchase.

### Reliability rankings:

Manufacturer:

	1995	1996	1997
Toshiba	1	*	*
Micron	2	11	3
NEC	3	8	*
Dell	4	3	9
IBM	5	6	2
Quantex	6	14	10
Gateway	7	6	10
Hewlett-Packard	8	1	*
AST	9	11	6
Acer	10	8	7
Compaq	11	3	8
Packard Bell	12	11	5

### Here are the tech-support rankings:

Micron	1	5	1
Gateway	2	7	11
Dell	3	1	3
Hewlett-Packard	4	8	*
Quantex	5	10	15
AST	6	9	10
IBM	7	3	*
NEC	8	10	*
Acer	9	13	6
Toshiba	10	*	*
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Compaq	12	12	6
* Unknown			

Just a note about the average number of minute's responents spent on hold **waiting** for technical support. Hewlett-Packard ranked best – about 9.8 minutes on the average, followed by Quantex, then Gateway, IBM, Dell, Compaq, NEC, AST, Acer, Packard Bell and Toshiba (the worst of the lot, averaging 28 minutes per call. **WOW!**).

Source: Home PC

# **GCC Directory**

## **Next Meeting**

November 19th. 1997 7:00pm

## **Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:**

December 3rd. 1997 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin  
O'Fallon Illinois

## **Next Copy Session:**

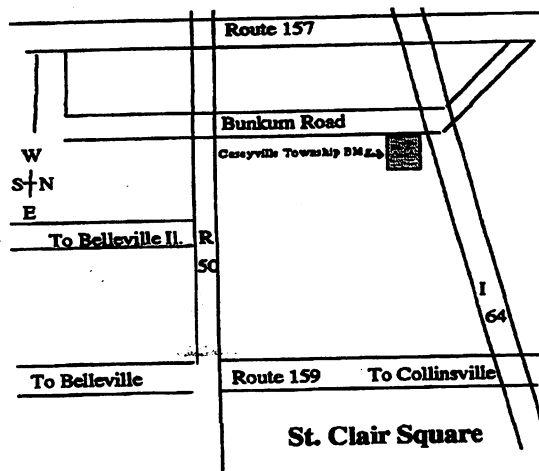
At all regular meetings.

### **Visitors Always Welcome At Meetings.**

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Caseyville Township Hall, 10001 Bunkum Road in Fairview Heights, Illinois

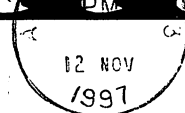
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10001 Bunkum Road  
Fairview Heights Illinois.**



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# Bits & Chips

Of The Gateway Computer Club

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## President's Page

by Mike Taphorn

Hello from the Pres...

### FREE STUFF AT THE MEETINGS

Last month we added five additional prizes to the 50/50 drawing and we had the biggest jackpot that I've seen in a long time. We sold 28 tickets and I'd like to thank everyone that bought more than one ticket. I purchased the items at the CompUSA on Dorsett and the Computer City Store on St. Charles Rock Road. All of the items had rebates and the club costs were minimal. I think we got a lot of good stuff and I know that we have even better stuff for the Christmas Party. The stores have been putting better stuff on the rebates to attract the customers for the Christmas rush. Please shop at these stores because they are probably losing money on the items we purchase. Actually I've been buying a lot of stuff for myself so they probably aren't hurting too bad. I feel guilty when I'm getting all the freebies and I have to buy something.... (At least that's what I've been telling Bev.)

Make sure you come to the Christmas Party we're going to give away some great stuff. If anybody wants to help buy items and send in rebates or donate something for the club to raffle, please let me know...

### CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS DON'T BE LATE

What? You're not finished shopping yet? Well we're going to have our annual Christmas Party and give you a little rest from all the Christmas rush. We'll have Christmas music and lots of good food. Bring your favorite dish and bring some food too. I'll include the list of food that everyone signed at the November meeting so everyone remembers what they signed up for. If you change your mind about what to bring or decide to bring two dishes, it really doesn't matter. Just come to the party and have fun...

### NEW MEMBERS / RENEWALS

We continue to grow and gain new members. We also have had a lot of old members adding another year to their memberships. Thanks to all of you. I would like to ask everyone signing

up or renewing their memberships to fill out one of the membership forms. We need these forms to track our membership accurately and keep our records current. If your information is already in the database and everything is correct. Please take a new form and either fill it out again or at least right a note to Larry (our Editor and Membership Chairman) that your information is correct as shown on the current membership list. Thanks for your help...

### CHRISTMAS FOOD LIST

Here's the list we gathered at the November Meeting.

GCC	Meat Tray
GCC	Drinks
Jim Ballie	Wine
June Donze	Potato Casserole
Darlene Farrar	Fruit Salad
Lester Germann	Cherry Cake
Ferris Jackson	Pizza
Dick Koerper	Dessert
Inge Liggett	Bread
Carlos Mariles	Pizza
Earl Salmons	Cake & Cookies
Carma Shatterly	Broccoli Casserole
Mike Taphorn	Relish Tray
Jim Tomlinson	Sesame Wings / Rolls
Ken Welker	Chips / Snacks
Pat Whalen	Paper Plates & Cups

If you're not on the list, just bring something you like to eat and join in the fun.

### ELECTION NEWS

We had our elections at the November meeting and Wally volunteered to fill the Secretary position. Last month I wrote that I didn't think he wanted the job and I'm happy to admit that I was completely wrong... THANKS for making a liar out of me Wally, I'm sure you'll do a great job. All of the other officers including myself were re-elected. I'd like to thank the board members for their dedicated service in the past and in advance for the work they're going to do in the future. THANKS

See you at the CHRISTMAS PARTY,

Mike



## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit organization of like-minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and monthly Bits & Chips Newsletter.

Direct all membership applications and questions to the Gateway Computer club c/o Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to President Mike Taphorn, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville IL 62234. Camera ready advertising must be received by the first of the month to be included in the issue of the month.

Rates are as follows: Full page-\$15.00, Half page-\$7.50, Quarter page-\$3.75, and business card-\$10.00 for 6 Months.

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## Happy Birthday to

**Mark Farley  
Ken Nohta  
John Shih  
Mike Taphorn**

Happy Birthday to all of the above members. May there be many more.

## MEMBERSHIP Report

Larry Briggs

Lets give a big welcome to new member. None

THANKS AGAIN for continuing heir membership with us. **Larry Briggs, Richard Koerper, Carlos Mariles, Ken Welker and John Price.**

I would like to inform these members that their membership will expire this coming meeting. None

These members will be dropped as they have not renewed their membership. **Tony Burke and Ken Nohta.**

If you have any questions about your membership, see Inge Liggett at the meeting, or call 344-0839.

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## Treasurer's Report

By Pat Whalen  
BALANCE NOV 1, 1997.....\$ 807.58

I .....	\$ 0.00
N D.O.M. ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 27.00
C .....	\$ 0.00
O .....	\$ 0.00
M MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 105.00
E 50/50.....	\$ 14.00
NOV. INCOME.....	\$ 146.00
E	
X PREMIUMS FOR MEETING -	
DRAWING.....	\$ 182.00
P NEWS LETTER.....	\$ 11.16 *
E POSTAGE.....	\$ 0.00
N ZIP DISKS.....	\$ 0.00
E CD CASES.....	\$ 0.00
S .....	\$ 0.00
NOV. EXPENSES.....	\$ 193.16
CURRENT BALANCE.....	\$ 760.42
AS OF DEC 1, 1997	
*\$41.16 LESS \$15 DUES AND \$15 DISK 3 FOR LARRY BRIGGS	

## GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB Minutes of the General Meeting - November 19, 1997

By Hank Kilgus, Secretary

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS:

All Officers were present. Sixteen members and two guests attended the meeting. The guests were John Bilski and Jim Whalen.

### BUSINESS DISCUSSED:

There were no objections to the financial report as printed in the November 1997 edition of the *Bits and Chips* newsletter.

As the first order of business, elections were conducted for the four elective offices to serve for the calendar year 1997. Officers elected are:

President: Mike Taphorn  
Vice President: Jim Tomlinson  
Secretary: Wallace Maier  
Treasurer: Joseph (Pat) Whelan

President Taphorn appointed following individuals to serve in the positions indicated during 1997:

Editor and Membership: Larry Briggs.

Assistant for Membership: Inge Liggett.

Amiga D.O.M.: Jim Tomlinson.  
DOS/Windows (IBM Compatible)  
DOM: Ken Welker.

Mike announced that preparations are underway for the annual Christmas party and asked members to commit themselves to the food each would bring to the party. The Club will provide the meat and the beverages.

Two members discussed problems that they were experiencing on their

home PC's; and possible solutions were offered by the membership. After the business meeting, Jim Tomlinson presented a demonstration on Netscape.

Merry  
Christmas

Happy  
New  
Year



## Editor's View

By Larry Briggs

I wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It has come to my attention that some members do not wish to fill out a membership application when they have to pay membership dues. Let me say, it has been a requirement every since I have been a member of this club to do so.

As I have to keep the membership list current, without an application, I have no way to know who has paid their dues, and to check if any changes has been made as to address, computers, and E-mail addresses, etc. Believe me, there have been some changes, and I am the last to know about it.

So bear with me and please make out an application, it is only once a year, and it only takes a few minutes of your time, and it will be a big help to me. Thank you.

## REGULAR HARD DISK MAINTENANCE

To keep your system running with maximum efficiency, you should run ScanDisk and Disk Defragmenter on a regular basis, such as once a month. In our last tip, we discussed ScanDisk (select Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, ScanDisk; choose Standard or Thorough and click on OK). today, we'll cover the second half of this maintenance routine, Disk Defragmenter.

Why do you need to defragment your hard disk? As you add and delete files on your system, information that should be grouped together gets split into various locations on the disk, making more work for your system—it has to run all over the place to get the information it needs. Very simply, defragmenting regroups data that belongs together.

First, disable your screen saver. (If it kicks in while the Disk Defragmenter is running, your System may lock up.) Next, open the Disk Defragmenter. In an Explorer or My Computer window, right-mouse click on your hard drive, select Properties, click on the Tools tab, and select Defragment Now. Or, select Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter. Select the drive you want to defragment, click on OK, and click on Start. (Often, you'll see a message telling you your disk is only a certain percentage defragmented and that you don't need to defrag. It's up to you to decide whether or not you want to proceed.)

You can go about your business as the Disk Defragmenter does its thing, but it works more efficiently if you don't multitask. As with ScanDisk, set it into motion when you won't need your system for a while. When it finishes, restart Windows 95 and you should notice smoother operation of your everyday tasks, especially if a large percentage of the drive was fragmented

## Zip disk #3 of the Gate-way Computer Club

### GAMES

**Death Rally** - A death race! And you're road kill unless you can battle your way to the top ranking and beat the baddest of them all--the Adversary! The best top-down racing game on the PC has it all: 3D graphics, cool cars, weapons, voices, underground market, furious tracks, even Duke Nukem himself! Made by Remedy Ent. Supports modem/LAN/serial multiplayer games. Many, many options and cool features!

**Debris v2** arcade game by MVP Software. If you love classic arcade games such as Asteroids, you'll love Debris. Clear each wave of space debris by blasting it to bits with your ship's weapons. At the same time avoid colliding with asteroids while collecting bonuses and destroying enemy ships. Your mission is a thankless one, and if a pilot can't handle it, he dies alone. Do you have the right stuff?

**Katharsis** - A next-generation arcade shoot'em-up with spectacular hi-resolution SVGA graphics, 3D texture-mapped Phong-shaded ships, rendered and animated backgrounds, eye-popping fluid scrolling and freedom of movement, multiple real-time light sources, original game plot and intelligent enemies, including giantic megabosses. Requires Pentium and SVGA.

**Sentinels of Ceth** - Sentinels of Ceth is an intensely fast-paced arcade style game. You are the Sentinel of Ceth. Your enemy, the Doltres race, wants to plunder the Ceth Temple and you are their only obstacle. Your task is to prevent the Doltres from stealing the 12 Gems of Ceth, the lifeblood of the temple. More destruction than you can shake a stick at.

**StarGunner** - Amazing shooter

blows away Raptor! Never has the PC seen a more graphically explosive shooter. Fully rendered & animated enemies, with non-stop variety, plus complex bosses. Each mission, equip your ship with new engines, weapons & special power-ups. Triple-parallax scrolling, radical music, secrets, hot effects--Stargunner has it all! The new benchmark game for shooters!

**Tanks 95** - The latest version of "The methodical Destruction of Slowly Moving Vehicles", aka tanks. This is a Win95/NT network game.(IE it won't work on Win 3.11 or workgroups.)

**Vanguard ACE** - Imaginative Illusions is proud to present Vanguard Ace, vertical shooter blast fest for the PC. Features: 70 Frames Per Second smooth screen update. Multiple layer parallax scrolling. Rendered graphics. Mecha style sprites design and bosses. At least 30 fps per sprite. Multiple weapon levels for each ships. You can select from 5 different ships. (Full version). Over 1000 frames of animated sprites. Probably the 1st vertical shooter with such quality to scroll at such high frame rates.

**Xenophage** - A Killer Fighting Game! "...revolutionary game design, it may indeed knock fighting fans into another universe of apocalyptic action." A Strategy Plus. Visit [www.apogeel.com](http://www.apogeel.com) for screen shots. Supports 640x480 SVGA for awesome detail. Innovative panning/zooming arenas. Special moves, combos resurrections & humiliations. Rip flesh NOW! Great music & sounds. Created by Argo Games.

### TOOLS

**DirectX** - Sooner or later, all software will be using Microsoft's new graphics standard. So here it is, ready to install!

**McAfee** - VirusScan for Windows 95 by McAfee, Inc. Scans and cleans PC's/LAN's for known and

unknown viruses. Requires Windows 95. Version 3.1.0 (3008) 08-21-97.

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### WEB

**Internet Explorer 4.0 Beta 2** - After much ballyho, here it is. Have you held a "virtual meeting" on the Web yet? NetMeeting gives you all the tools you need to communicate and collaborate with others. It lets you hold voice and video conferences, share software

applications chat, and share a whiteboard. The Internet Explorer Administration Kit includes all the tools your business or corporation needs to deploy Microsoft Internet Explorer company-wide. The kit also lets you customize Internet Explorer to best meet your needs.

Broadcast a show or other presentation across the Internet, or tune in to someone else's show, with Microsoft NetShow. NetShow 2.0 enables you to stream multimedia across the Internet and intranets without eating up a lot of network bandwidth. Publish and serve your own Web pages with ease using Microsoft's Personal Web Server. Available for both Windows 95 and Macintosh. Outlook Express is the e-mail and newsgroup program built into Internet Explorer 4.0. It's easy to set up and use—even if you're now running a different e-mail program—and it brings the fun and energy of the Internet into your inbox. Internet Mail and News is an easy-to-use, fast e-mail program that is fully integrated into Internet Explorer 3.0. It lets you send and receive e-mail and newsgroup messages all over the world, and offers the latest technologies for finding people on the Internet. Microsoft Chat, formerly called Comic Chat, is a new kind of chat program that combines conventional text-based chat with unconventional graphic features. Microsoft Chat offers countless ways for you to communicate, share ideas, and have fun as you reach out and meet new friends.

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### What's This

If you don't understand a button or an option in a windows 95 dialog box, get some help—and we don't mean by choosing Help in the start menu and weeding through the index. Right-mouse click the button or option, and in most cases, you'll see a What's This? button. Click it for the inside scoop.

### And now for today's tip...

#### FILE SNEAK PEEKS

Staring at a bunch of file icons, but can't remember which one you need? Quick View lets you view the contents of each file without opening the application in which it was created (assuming the file is of a type supported by Quick View).

Right-mouse click on the file you want to preview and look for the Quick View command. Select it and the Quick View window opens with a quick, albeit crude, preview of that file. (If you don't see the Quick View command, either you haven't installed Quick View [see the note at the end of this tip], or that file type isn't supported. Sorry.)

Drag another file icon into the open Quick View window and instantly it displays that file's contents. When you find the file you were looking for, click on the icon just below the File menu to open the file in its native application.

(Note: If you don't see Quick View in the context menu of a common file type, it may not be installed. To find out for sure, right-mouse click on any TXT file and look for the Quick View command. Don't see it? Pop the Windows 95 installation CD into your CD-ROM drive, open the Control Panel, double-click on Add/Remove Programs, and on the Windows Setup tab, double-click on Accessories. Select Quick View and click on OK twice.)

# GCC Directory

## Next Meeting

December 17th. 1997 7:00pm

## Next Exec. Bd. Meeting:

January 7th. 1998 7:00pm

At the Western Sizzlin

O'Fallon Illinois

## Next Copy Session:

At all regular meetings.

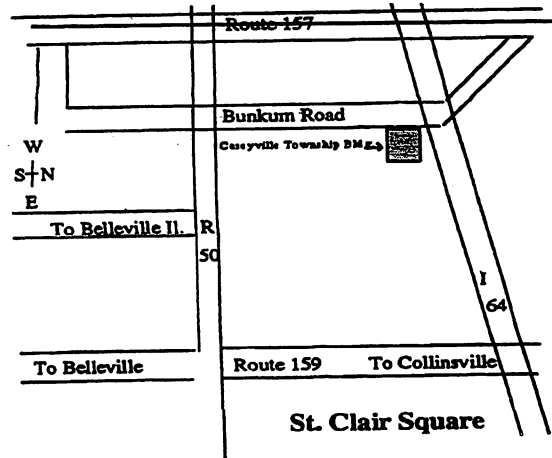
### Visitors Always Welcome

#### At Meetings.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at the Caseyville Township Hall, 10001 Bunkum Road in Fairview Heights, Illinois

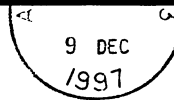
## Gateway Computer Club Meeting Place.

At the Caseyville Township Building  
10001 Bunkum Road  
Fairview Heights Illinois.



## Bits & Chips

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